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Gathering is held in memory of Shane

THE grieving family and friends of Sedgley man Shane Watson attended a memorial service in honour of the 23-year-old.

Around 70 people, including his parents and cousins, gathered near the alleyway where Mr Watson was found with serious injuries on July 28. He died in hospital soon afterwards.

Dozens of floral tributes have been left next to a tree at the entrance of the alley, off Springfield Grove, which is near Mr Watson's home in Monument Lane, where candles were placed by floral tributes last night.

His family and friends shared their memories of the former Dormston School pupil as the candles were lit. They later gathered at Sedgley Beacon to set off Chinese lanterns and fireworks.

Mr Watson's devastated aunt Pat Butler said: "We wanted to do this for Shane. This is what he would have wanted - all his family and mates around him."

She said the whole family is still struggling to come to terms with what happened.

"We just can't believe he's gone. He was very popular and didn't have a bad word to say about anyone," she said.

"He was always smiling. He loved his football, cars and music."

Three men have been charged with his murder.

Take a long trip by boat

A FIVE-HOUR narrowboat trip will run from a Dudley nature reserve later this month. It will leave Bumble Hole Local Nature Reserve at Windmill End at 10.30am on August 19.

The trip has commentary through the Gorsty Hill Tunnel and there will be a break at Hawne Basin for a look around and a refreshment break. The tunnel is dark and cold so may not be suitable for everyone.

Places need to be booked by calling 01384 814100 between 10am and 2pm.

TRIBUTES AFTER CRICKETER DIES

Leader defends mosque appeal

THE leader of Dudley Council says Muslim leaders are "exercising their legal right" by appealing against the High Court's decision to throw out plans for a new mosque.

The long-running dispute over land in Hall Street, Dudley, is heading back to the courtroom just weeks after council chiefs in Dudley thought they had reached a conclusion to the seven-year wrangle.

The proposals for a mosque were rejected at a hearing in April, meaning the plot of land, which Dudley Muslim Association has owned since 2005, must now be sold back to the council. It had argued the land should have been developed by a 2008 deadline.

Council leader David Sparks said: "Members of the Muslim Association are exercising their legal right and we will await the outcome."

"The issue is now back in the courts and we must wait to see what happens."

Council bosses managed to get many of the group's arguments for stopping the buy-back plan thrown out by judges at a court hearing in November.

Cannabis factory raid

FORTY cannabis plants were found when police swooped on a home in Kingswinford. The plants were found growing in an outbuilding and the loft of the house in Standhills Road, after a tip-off from the local community.

A number of sat navs were also discovered during the raid last Friday. The plants have been cleared away after forensic experts took a number of controlled samples and will be destroyed.

Sergeant Chris Collins from the Kingswinford neighbourhood policing team, said: "We are really pleased to have found and stopped this small cannabis factory, as it was a professional set-up." No arrests have been made.

by Lee Watton

TRIBUTES have been paid to a popular cricketer who collapsed and died after suffering a heart attack while playing for his club.

Father-of-one Richard Beaumont, aged 33, of Halesowen, was playing in Pedmore Cricket Club's match against Astwood Bank when he was taken ill on Saturday.

Paramedics were called to the club grounds in Pedmore Hall Road and battled unsuccessfully to save his life. An air ambulance was dispatched, landing at the club, and took Mr Beaumont to Birmingham's Queen Elizabeth Hospital. But he could not be saved.

West Midlands Ambulance Service said he had suffered a cardiac arrest.

He leaves behind a wife, Becky, and his four-year-old son Harley, parents Bob and Judy and his brother Ryan.

The family said they were too upset to speak but his father, Bob, wanted everyone to know how proud they were of him and how deeply he would be missed.

Mr Beaumont, a former police officer and care worker, was 33 last month and he and his wife Becky celebrated their first wedding anniversary in May.

His friend of nearly 30 years Paul Pickering, also of Halesowen, said everyone had been devastated by what had happened.

Impact

"I first met Richard when we attended Lapal Primary School and we were friends from then on," he said.

"He was a lovely man and had an impact on everyone he met. Not just long-term friends but those he had only just met as well."

Mr Pickering said the number of tributes from individual players and clubs had been "incredible".

Officials at the club, which Mr Beaumont joined last season, also paid tribute.

Spokesman Stuart Bate said: "He was like a rock to other members of the club and would encourage all of the players. He was a tough



Richard Beaumont, aged 33, with his wife Becky

opponent and passionate about the game but he did everything with a smile on his face."

The club has set up a memorial to Mr Beaumont behind St Peter's Church, Pedmore.

Romsley and Hunnington Cricket Club, where Mr Beaumont had played since he was a boy, is planning a series of matches in his honour.

Chairman Bernard Williams said: "The entire club is deeply saddened to hear what has happened. Richard was a lovely man and a brilliant player."

"He had played here since he was a child before moving to Pedmore and his brother and father also had connections to the club."

"Our thoughts go out to his family. Richard will be very sorely missed by everyone. He was a very popular player."

Downpours fail to dampen Don's blooms



Don and Barbara Hall's garden in Netherton is a haven of colourful blooms despite recent bad weather

A MIXED bag of unseasonal weather has failed to stop Don Hall's garden growing into a colourful haven brimming full of blooms.

The flowers may have taken a battering from the rain but they are now standing proud in the 73-year-old's little piece of paradise.

His garden in Netherton has been his pride and joy since he was diagnosed with tongue cancer seven years ago, and has continued to keep him in high spirits.

Now he is on the road to recovery, Mr Hall has been spending hours upon hours tending to his flower beds.

The former car compo-

nents inspector, who worked at BRD, in Aldridge, says working in the fresh air helps to keep him fighting fit.

Despite all Mother Nature has thrown at him, Mr Hall, who used to live in Pelsall, Walsall, says his garden is "the best it has ever been".

He said: "The flowers have done remarkably well considering all of the rain."

"They have suffered at bit but they are looking good now."

Mr Hall, who lives with his wife Barbara, 71, another keen gardener, said the petunias and begonias were doing particularly well.



The couple in the Abingdon Road garden

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£2m project could bring 130 jobs

UP TO 130 full-time jobs will be created in a £2 million transformation of a Dudley trading estate, developers have said.

The six-storey office block Pennnett House and a building housing three outdented units on The Pennnett Estate will be demolished.

They will be replaced by three industrial buildings, housing 11 units. They will be aimed at busi-

nesses starting up as bosses say there is a growing demand for smaller units.

The Pennnett Estate is owned and managed by London and Cambridge Properties. A planning application has been submitted to Dudley Council. It is expected the demolition and construction work would take around nine months.

A statement submitted by agent

Jonathan Hickman, of G H Design Ltd, said: "Both these buildings are old and do not meet the demands and expectations of tenants in this day and age."

"The proposals will improve and rejuvenate the site by creating new modern units."

Between 30 and 80 posts will be created by the business units, while a further 50 full-time jobs will be

available during the construction period, the statement said.

Pennnett House, which has a floor area of more than 45,000 sq ft, is currently vacant. In the other building, two of the office units are empty but the cafe is open.

LCP was granted planning permission to demolish the building by heouncil last year. The Pennnett Estate covers 2.3 million sq ft.

Warning of delays for commuter route work

MOTORISTS face three weeks of disruptions when a main commuter route in Halesowen is resurfaced. The work will take place along the westbound stretch of the A456 Manor Way from August 20.

Probe into solicitors could take two years

A PROBE into a chain of solicitors and estate agents that was shut down when the partners were declared bankrupt could take up to two years.

Stables & Company's premises in Halesowen, Stourbridge and Rowley Regis were closed by legal watchdog The Solicitors Regulation Authority.

It said it needed to sift through hundreds of thousands of files before any action could be taken.

Spokesman Lee Shrimpton said: "Investigations of this kind can take anything up to a couple of years."

Clients have been trying to get their wills and documents back after the regulators took over the firm.

Partners David Moore, Nigel Jordan and Jessica Bird were all declared bankrupt on April 30 and their practising certificates were suspended.

They could be banned altogether once the investigation is complete.

Clients who believe they are owed money are being advised to apply for compensation via the SRA.

The regulators said people can have documents and anyone affected should call Marion Vesey on 01623 423073.

It will be the fourth roadworks scheme to be carried out in the Dudley borough since the start of this year's school holidays.

Work is already under way in Stallings Lane Kingswinford, as part of a £1million flood prevention project to install new sewer pipes and an underground flood storage tank.

Old gas and water pipes are being replaced in Pennnett and a 10-week scheme is being carried out in Mason Street, Coseley.

Resurfacing work in Manor Way will take place between the motorway roundabout for junction three of the M5 and Grange Island.

Closures

It is expected to take around two weeks and will be followed by a week of high friction surfacing which applies an anti-skid treatment to selected stretches of the road.

This treatment is weather dependent.

There will be lane closures and a reduction in the speed limit to 40mph but traffic on the eastbound carriageway should not be affected.

Councillor Judy Foster, cabinet member for transportation, said: "Following the successful resurfacing of the eastbound carriageway last January, this important work will tackle the westbound stretch of the A456 Manor Way, improving driving conditions for motorists."

"We apologise for any inconvenience and aim to keep disruption to a minimum by working at night during the first week and between 9.30am and 3.30pm on weekdays after that."

Region's new flag flying high



Black Country Living Museum worker Ann Key with the official Black Country flag

THE Black Country's eye-catching official flag is flying at Dudley's Black Country Living Museum and will remain in place during the Olympic and Paralympic games. It was designed by 11-year-old Gracie Sheppard for a competition launched by the museum.

It features a chain running across a black, red and white background. The white section is in the shape of Wordsley's Red House Glass Cone as a tribute to the region's glass-making heritage. The design was inspired by Elihu Burrit's 1862 description of the

region as "black by day and red by night." Burrit was the American consul to Birmingham.

Gracie attends Redhill Primary School in Stourbridge. The museum launched the competition after the Parliamentary Flags and Heraldry Committee encouraged communities to develop their own flags.

It has now taken its place in the UK Flag Registry alongside such famous designs as the St Piran's Cross of Cornwall and the Red Rose of Lancashire.

Auction by store helps out charity

AN AUCTION has raised more than £600 for a Dudley charity as part of a year of support from a Stourbridge store.

Sainsbury's, Amblecote, is raising cash for Insight For Carers, Brierley Hill.

The event at Insight House, Pearson Street, Brierley Hill generated £613.

The charity was founded in 2009 and helps carers and their families in the Dudley borough, offering support, advice and information.

Lorraine Stockton, the charity's project co-ordinator, said: "It was a lovely evening and we were overwhelmed by all the items donated for auction and the money raised on the night."

"It was a fantastic effort by everyone and we really appreciate Sainsbury's raising awareness of the services provided."

Last year £4,073 was raised for the Brierley Hill Project.

At the auction, Sainsbury's Amblecote presented a £50 cheque to its three previous charity partners Parkinsons UK, The Black Country Talking Newspaper & Magazine, and The Brierley Hill Project.

Pub site set to be cleared

A DILAPIDATED pub in Dudley has been boarded up and fenced off as a firm prepares to clear the site.

The Old Park Inn, Middlepark, will be flattened to make way for 10 homes under a scheme approved by Dudley Council despite fears from nearby residents.

The pub has been plagued by vandalism since it closed more than a year ago. Metal has been stripped and much of the furniture has gone.

Developer Guthred won permission to build the homes with 20 parking spaces last year. The firm claims there is a need for good quality modern family housing in the town.

Appeal for help

A GROUP fighting to reopen a Dudley church are appealing for volunteers to help clear the grounds. The St John's Preservation Group is looking for people to help at St John's, Kates Hill. To help contact Deb Brownlee on savestjohnschurch@hotmail.co.uk

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Woman in crash is identified

AN ELDERLY woman who died after being hit by van in the road outside her home in Sedgley has been named by police.

Phyllis Williams, aged 90, suffered head injuries in the collision in Sandfields Road.

She was airlifted to Birmingham's QE Hospital after the crash but died hours later.

Neighbours today paid tribute to Mrs Williams.

Barry Hodgetts, 69, said: "She was a well-respected lady who was very fit for her age. To me, she was a good friend and neighbour who will be badly missed."

Mr Hodgetts said he believed Mrs Williams was on her way to a bus stop to go to the opticians in Sedgley when the tragedy happened.

He said: "It's a mystery what happened - I don't think anyone saw it. I think it's so sad she died right here, outside her home."

After the collision, police spoke to a 44-year-old van driver. No arrests have been made. Officers are continuing to appeal for witnesses to the incident, which happened between Gospel End Road and Longfellow Road just before 11am.

Anyone who can help should call 101.

McDonalds' earlier start

FAST FOOD giant McDonalds can keep opening its Cosley restaurant at 6am after councillors gave the go-ahead - despite complaints from residents over noise and litter.

Bosses previously won a temporary six-month trial allowing the restaurant, in Birmingham New Road, to open between 6am and 11pm daily.

They had asked for a 5.30am start but their proposals were scaled back last November. Members said no complaints had been made during the trial period.

McDonalds has previously had plans to open the store 24 hours a day rejected.

Badminton fun

A SUMMER badminton tournament for under-17s will take place in Bewdley on August 16.

The entrance fee for the Summer Bonanza Tournament is £2 per person per event for singles and doubles. Entries close on August 13. Call 01299 871606.

Redevelopment of centre is well on schedule



Work continues of the former Crown Centre site in Stourbridge

A MULTI-MILLION pound redevelopment scheme in Stourbridge town centre is well on track with work to dig out the site for a new underground car park now under way.

A Tesco supermarket, creating 320 jobs, and shopping centre will be built on the land where the former Crown Centre once stood.

Work to demolish the complex, along with the old multi-storey car park, in Bell Street, was completed in May.

Thousands of tons of rubble has now been cleared from the site and using

specialist equipment, it has been processed and crushed so it can be re-used in the construction of the new buildings.

Project manager Mark Glover said all of the recent rain had helped to keep dust levels down, which benefited both the workers and residents living nearby. We are working on the retaining walls for the car park at the moment and then will start work on the foundations in November.

"After Christmas, people will start to see the building take shape."

"We are exactly on schedule so I am pleased with how the work is going."

He said the wet weather had not held them up at all.

The underground car park will have 543 spaces and replaces the old multi-storey which was brought down using explosives on April 1.

Around 120 homes were evacuated and residents were taken to St Thomas's Church Hall while the work took place. Once the demolition had taken place, contractors began to knock down the old shopping centre.

Dog was so badly injured it had to be destroyed by vet

A JACK Russell dog was beaten so badly it was left with a hole in its head, prosecutors told a court. It had to be put down due to the severity of its injuries, magistrates were told.

by Alex Ross

Vets treating the animal said they believed it had suffered a blow to the head on two occasions.

Owners Jake Adderley, aged 22, and Rebecca Perkins, 20, both deny causing the pet's injuries.

But the pair, of Belmont Road, Brierley Hill, have admitted causing unnecessary suffering to the dog by not providing adequate care for its head injuries.

A hearing at Dudley Magistrates Court on August 2 heard the dog was taken to Water Front Veterinary Centre with a hole in its head and a fractured skull on October 28.

It was struggling to stand due to brain damage.

One vet compared the injury to a case he had seen of a rottweiler being hit on the head by a golf club.

Adderley and Perkins told RSPCA officers the dog had suffered a fit and fallen down the stairs.

Mr Nick Sutton, prosecuting, said: "Someone has assaulted this animal and beaten it to death."

Perkins had taken the dog to vets on two previous occasions.

On September 27, the dog was taken to Water Front Veterinary Centre with swollen eyes and on October 14 it was taken to the PDSA with bruised eyes, swelling under the jaw and a fractured rib.

Mr Michael Davies, defending Perkins, said the couple bought the dog through the internet.

He said: "On October 28 she returned from shopping trip to find that the dog was in a very poor state, the injuries were apparent."

He added: "She accepts that she should have known that between October 19 and 28 it was quite clear there was something wrong and she should have done something about it."

Mr John Harmshaw, defending Adderley, said: "He noticed things, but did not take action. I must add there were quite a number of other people who entered the home."

The case was adjourned and the pair will be sentenced by Walsall magistrates on September 3.



Head of retail Janice McPherson and supporter Miss Birmingham, Krisina Jagpal

Charity in appeal to get more clothing

ANYONE having a summer clearout over the holidays is urged to help out a West Midlands charity.

Acorns' Children's Hospice is appealing for unwanted school uniforms and other clothes to help raise funds for poorly youngsters.

Branches in Dudley, Halesowen, Kingswinford, Stourbridge, Wolverhampton, Bilston, Blackheath, Bloxwich, Codsall, Walsall, Perton and Wednesbury, are all looking for stock to cope during the busy summer shopping season. Janice McPherson, Acorns' head of retail, said: "The school break is an ideal time for a wardrobe clear-out."

"Acorns urgently needs these donations, relying on them for a large part of the £8 million income needed to provide constant 24/7 care for children and families."

"People can really help by donating quality goods, including children's clothes and toys, ladies and men's clothes and accessories, household items, books, CDs and DVDs."

NEWS in brief

CCTV allowed at firm hit by raids

A 19ft POLE with two security cameras will be built at a firm in Brierley Hill following a series of burglaries.

Fortress Security in Leys Road, Brockmoor was granted planning permission by Dudley Council's development control committee.

One resident had sent a letter of objection raising concerns the camera would overlook their back garden. But committee members said they had been reassured that this would not be an issue.

Glass display to focus on No10

A NEW exhibition at Wordsley's Red House Glass Cone will give a sneak peek into Number 10's drinks cabinet.

The 21st Century Engraved Glass show, part of this year's International Festival of Glass, features bold, colourful works by the Guild of Glass Engravers.

The Number Ten Collection was commissioned by The Glass Engraving Trust. The exhibition runs until October 7 and entry is free. Call 01384 812750.

Phone mast set to be replaced

A PHONE mast will be replaced with another 10ft higher after plans were approved.

A 49ft structure will be built at R & P Motors, Coombs Road, Halesowen to be used by T Mobile and Orange.

Dudley Council's development control committee heard the mast was needed to improve coverage in the area. No objections were raised.

Artists invited to join library group

RESIDENTS of Stourport with an enthusiasm for arts are being invited to join a new social group.

Stourport Library Arts Movement has been set up for artists and like-minded people to come together and create art at the library every fourth Monday.

For more information call 01905 822722.

Plans rejected

PLANS to build a new home in the garden of a house in Sedgley have been refused.

The application for the four-bedroom house in Moden Hill was rejected.

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MY mother-in-law died recently. She was 90, had lived with us for the past 14 years and was in excellent health until three years ago when she had a couple of falls which seemed to trigger her descent into dementia.

We decided as a family that if we could care for her at home, we would. It was not easy but the NHS provided a team of district nurses and carers who would dress her wounds after falls and take her out for occasional trips.

Dementia is a wretched condition but over the years it introduced us to a range of people from cleaners to doctors who were familiar with it and gave us great support and endless compassion. There is probably nothing so moving in this world as the unexpected kindness of strangers.

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AS my mother-in-law's life drew to a close, children were laughing and playing in the garden next door. Life goes on and today, in one of those rich ironies of life, the postman brings letters of consolation for our loss and letters of acceptance to our daughter's wedding.

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FASCINATING snippet of conversation overheard in the queue as we waited to record the death at the registry office. A thirty-something couple were heading for the office. She said: "We're an item, so let's get this sorted." He said: "We're not an item." I bet that was an interesting interview.

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OUR changing language. An Olympics commentator repeatedly referred to "a standout performance". Outstanding, presumably.

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MORE on curious names for shades of paint. A reader admits rooting around in her "dodgy memory" for some time before recalling the paint she had used in her house. She knew it was something like Horse or Donkey. Eventually the troublesome name leaped into her consciousness. It was Muffin. And it wasn't even remotely horse coloured. Older readers will understand perfectly.

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AND who would repaint their lounge in the shade called Dead Salmon?

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AN OLYMPICS watcher points out that some Olympic events which involve sitting on expensive things (horses, cycles, dinghies, etc) tend to favour richer nations and richer competitors. How long, he asks, before grouse shooting becomes an Olympic event? As he points out, the sport is open to everyone - in much the way that the Ritz Hotel is.

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STILL on an Olympic theme, it is reported that a man has been charged with stealing the roof from a sports arena. He will take the stand later this week.

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I REFERRED a few days ago to rap music. Several readers upbraid me, one for calling it "music," the others to inquire whether it should be spelt with a C.

Don't miss Peter Rhodes every Monday to Friday in your Express & Star

Great-gran pays for war memorial



Phyllis and the late Mick Coyle

A MEMORIAL dedicated to the sailors who delivered supplies to Russia during the Second World War will be unveiled at the National Memorial Arboretum on August 19.

Phyllis Coyle, whose late husband Mick served as a stoker in the Royal Navy between 1942 and 1947 and sailed with the Russian convoys, has commissioned the tribute.

The 83-year-old, of Pensnett, has paid for the memorial, which is cost-

ing £15,000 to make and install, out of her own pocket. She is now inviting former servicemen and Mr Coyle's friends and comrades to the unveiling ceremony at the site near Alrewas, Staffordshire. Mrs Coyle said: "This is for my husband and all of the other men who risked their lives on these convoys. I am glad that there will finally be a memorial to these brave men."

The great-grandmother has

received many donations to help with the maintenance of the memorial once it has been opened.

Mr Coyle, of Derwent Close, Pensnett, died in November 2010, aged 85, from lung cancer.

He was a welfare officer for Stourbridge Royal Naval Association and was one of six veterans who helped raise the £85,000 needed to create the cenotaph in Dudley's Coronation Gardens.

Sister used Facebook to get brother's attacker

A MAN has been jailed for a brutal and drunken street attack after the victim's sister decided to turn detective on social networking website Facebook.

Greg Beddows had a cheekbone fractured and his right knee broken and was then left lying unconscious in the gutter after being savagely kicked. Wolverhampton Crown Court heard last week.

Gareth Collins took a run up before driving his right foot into the face of the helpless 24-year-old who could not get out of the way after fracturing his knee during a confrontation between the two.

The 23-year-old attacker, who had dyed blond hair, ran off following the attack, in Stourbridge High Street, the court heard.

But Samantha Beddows, the 21-year-old sister of the injured man, was soon on his trail through internet social networking sites.

Arrested

Miss Beddows did not know his name but spent hours combing through Facebook accounts before finally identifying him.

She then checked his profile and discovered he had posted a comment boasting about the incident which read: "Ha, ha. Sick ain't I?"

Police arrested Collins, of Bridgnorth Road, Stour-



Gareth Collins

bridge two days later. He had just lost his job and had drunk six pints before going to a food outlet where Beddows was, Mr Warren Stanier, prosecuting, said.

"Banter" between the pair soon turned ugly and Mr Beddows followed Collins in to the street.

Collins took advantage of the situation to run up and kick the stricken victim, the court was told.

Collins, who had a previous conviction for assaulting a taxi driver, pleaded guilty to wounding and was jailed for two years eight months.

Country festival is back

A POPULAR country and western festival, which attracts hundreds of people every year, will return to Stourport later this month. The event at the town's riverside will be on August 18 and 19 and feature bands and solo performers from across the region. Activities will run on the Saturday from noon until 8pm and on the Sunday from 10am until 5pm. Artists confirmed for the event include Nancy Ann Lee, Marty Smith, Pete Shaw, Tony Rouse and Tim McKay.

Overnight camping is available. People need to apply to alison.bakr@wyre-forestdc.gov.uk. For more information call 01562 732994 or email alison.bakr@wyre-forestdc.gov.uk

Family art will go on display



Artwork by Ray and Catherine Jones which will go on show

PAINTINGS by a devoted Dudley couple are being put on show in their own home by their children.

The artwork by Ray and Catherine Jones, from Brierley Hill, who met when they were students at Birmingham Art College in the 1950s, spans decades. Some of the pieces show the changing landscape of Brierley Hill, where Ray was born and brought up, while others include still life, animals, beach

scenes and life study. Catherine died, aged 78, in May last year, and her husband died at 79, six months later.

Now their daughters, Frances Taylor, aged 52, and Rachel Edwards, 51, and son Chris, aged 47, are mounting the posthumous exhibition of their paintings at the couple's home of nearly 40 years, at 18, Hillcrest Avenue, Brierley Hill on August 18 and 19 from 10am to 6pm.

Pair are handed a 10-year dog ban

A COUPLE who admitted starving their dog and failing to treat its skin disease have been banned from keeping dogs for 10 years.

The pet was discovered by police, starving and suffering from mange.

Simon Ward and Lana Cherrington must also pay £500 each towards veterinary fees after their 12-month-old dog Macca had to be put down.

Mother-of-two Cherrington told officers to take the dog away after their visit to her home in Occupation Street, Dudley.

Cherrington and Ward, of Wheatshaf Road, Tividale, appeared at Dudley Magistrates' Court for sentencing last week.

The pair, who are no longer a couple, had already pleaded guilty to inadequately feeding and providing veterinary attention to the dog.

District Judge Michael Morris said: "Neither of you looked after this dog properly. Cherrington will also be supervised by probation officers for 12 months.

Ward was ordered to do 140 hours of unpaid work.

Free swim for readers

FREE swimming tickets are up for grabs for children taking part in this year's reading challenge in Dudley.

Dudley Council's leisure centres have thrown their support behind this year's challenge by offering all children aged four to sixteen who complete the challenge to read six books during the school holidays, a free family swim.

They will also be entered into a free prize draw with the chance to win some top prizes including tickets to the Himley Hall and Park Bonfire, Dudley Zoo, Black Country Living Museum and West Midland Safari Park.

Trust's meeting

PEOPLE are invited to Dudley Primary Care Trust's annual general meeting.

It will take place on September 4 at Saltwells EDC Centre in Bowling Green Road, Netherton. The meeting will run from 6.30pm and 9pm.

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Tributes to bike rider found dead

TRIBUTES have been paid to a cyclist from Kingswinford who was found dead at the roadside by a passing driver.

Paul Lake, aged 47, had suffered serious injuries and was pronounced dead at the scene.

Police have said it is not clear how Mr Lake, who worked as an inspector for Wolverhampton Homes, was injured before he was discovered in Stallings Lane, Kingswinford, at 5.40pm on July 29.

Mr Lake was on a grass verge lined by trees on the Gornal-bound side of the road, between Pensnett Trading Estate and Tansey Green Road.

Police are now waiting for the results of a post mortem to come through.

Chief executive of Wolverhampton Homes, Lesley Roberts, said: "We are all in a state of deep shock about the terrible and tragic loss of our colleague Paul Lake."

"Paul had worked for Wolverhampton Homes, and previously Wolverhampton City Council, for more than 20 years."

"He was an incredibly popular, well-liked and respected friend and colleague, who will be sadly missed by us all."

Health fair for families

FAMILIES are invited to a health fair at a Dudley school.

Gornal Parent and Children's Centre will be hosting the event at Roberts Primary School, in Robert Street, Lower Gornal, on August 14. The free fair is open to the families of children aged under five including siblings and grandparents and runs from 1.30pm to 3.30pm.

Activities will include a bouncy castle, face painting and arts and crafts as well as cookery classes and learn to massage faster sessions. There will also be over 20 stands giving advice on areas such as healthy eating, smoking and breast feeding.

Concert sounds

BEWDLEY Concert Orchestra will perform to open the Far Forest event on August 12.

There will be cookery demonstrations, crafts stalls and vintage funfair rides at the Callow Hill Showground. A dog display team will also feature.

Crew members wanted for record try



Adventurers Alan Priddy and Steve Mason at the warehouse in Dudley

A £1.3MILLION powerboat being built in Dudley for an ambitious round-the-world record attempt is just weeks from completion.

With the structure and cabins almost finished, the team of craftsmen will soon be laying down decking and installing two 500 horsepower engines.

The boat, called Accomplish More, is being put together in a former metalworks warehouse at Micklewrights, in the Thorngate Trading Estate.

Project leader Alan Priddy said:

"The excitement is building within us all after every day as we step closer to getting the boat ready for the challenge."

"We've been flat out working over the past month in a bid to get on the water as soon as possible. The race is really on."

The boat will be big enough to carry 12 people. It will be kitted out with bunk beds, a lounge with sofas, showers and washing facilities. There will also be a communications hub and a control room.

Mr Priddy said: "The work we

have done so far is fantastic, it is finally taking shape."

The boat has been built mostly by volunteer electricians, fabricators and engineers. But more help is needed.

Mr Priddy says he needs a bricklayer to help take down one side of the warehouse so the boat can be moved out.

He has also offered places on the boat for the challenge to break the existing 61-day record. He said: "Any help we can get from the community would be good."

"I've got eight crew members, but could also do with some more, so if anyone is interested, let me know."

Mr Priddy hopes to have the 90ft long and 16ft wide boat and crew ready for the challenge on November 4.

But first he wants to take the boat on a practice 4,000 mile return voyage from England to Canada. Anyone who wants to help or volunteer to join the crew, can call Mr Priddy on 07802 237125.

Security is beefed up at old quarry where boy drowned



Augusto Zacarias

SECURITY staff have been drafted in to guard a disused quarry 24 hours a day after a 15-year-old boy drowned there. Augusto Zacarias died after falling into the Blue Lagoon waters at the Marl Hole pool near the Crooked House pub in Himley.

The keen footballer, who was on holiday from Portugal, was described by his family as their "pride and joy". Following his death, site owner Wienerberger has stepped up security in a bid to prevent people getting in. Wienerberger spokeswoman Heather Butler said: "There is currently 24-hour security at the site and we are working closely with the police regarding both the ongoing investigation and future arrangements."

"It would not be appropriate for us to comment further until that investigation has been concluded."

Bosses say the quarry is surrounded by a 6ft-high chain link fence topped with barbed wire, all gates are locked and that there are warning signs and regular inspections.

Calls have been made for security to be tightened at the site after hundreds of young people were seen there during a heatwave in the days leading up to Augusto's death.

Dangerous

South Staffordshire MP Gavin Williamson said: "These areas of open water are very dangerous and children do not always understand the risks."

"It is important to now look at what can be done to ensure people don't continue to swim there and make it clear it's not safe for them to swim there."

Augusto was visiting family from Portugal with his parents, Paulina and Pedro, as well as his young brother, and had been in the country less than three weeks.

He had only days ago celebrated his 15th birthday.

Second flat refusal

PLANS to convert an office block in Dudley High Street into flats have been turned down by planning chiefs for the second time in eight months. Councillors refused to grant permission for the proposal to Kings Chambers when it came before the planning committee last December. Now the proposals have been kicked out again.

Daniel puts his shirt on venture



Daniel Phillips, aged 17, at his stall DP Vinyls, with his mother Vicky Phillips

A YOUNG entrepreneur has opened an indoor market stall in Brierley Hill.

Bosses at the Concord Market in the town say they are delighted to welcome 17-year-old Daniel Phillips who is trading in printed T-shirts under the business name DP Vinyls. The former Wordsley School pupil says trade is going well, partly thanks to initial discounted stall rates offered by market owners Pentax Developments. He said: "When I left school I wanted to create

my own business and after a go on the internet and at car-boot sales I decided to set up here. The market gets a good passing trade and I hope to gradually build up by customer base and who knows next."

Mr Phillips, who lives in Brierley Hill, is helped by his mother Vicky at the stall.

Market manager Kim Wyatt, of Pentax Developments Limited, said: "Right now times are tough, so it is good to see someone coming out of school with an initiative."

NEWS in brief

Faster broadband for another 18,000

FASTER broadband has been rolled out to a further 18,000 homes and businesses in Worcestershire.

Stourport and Wolverley are among the latest communities in the county to benefit from upgrades as part of the roll-out of BT's next generation broadband service delivered over copper lines. The BT investment will make available download speeds of up to 20 megabits per second (Mbps) – more than double the fastest speed previously available from BT.

Consultation on care is extended

A CONSULTATION on the future of community care in Worcestershire has been extended until the end of August.

The county council has been asking for feedback from residents and campaign groups about proposed changes.

It is looking at putting a limit on the amount it could spend on an individual with mental health, learning and/or physical disabilities' community care package.

Rock and fossils in museum show

A ROCK and fossil show will take place at a Midland museum.

It will start on August 10 when people will have the chance to get their own rocks and fossils identified.

Visitors to Bewdley Museum in Load Street can also try their hand at crafts including collage and textiles at the event running until August 12. Rocks, fossils and minerals will also be on display.

History of Clent Hills for walkers

WALKERS joining a guided trek at the Clent Hills, near Stourbridge, on August 26 will be able to learn about the history, wildlife and folklore of the area.

The six-mile walk will start from the Nimmings Wood car park at 10am, lasting until 1pm, and will cost £2 a head. For booking contact 01562 712822.

Station open day

STOURBRIDGE Fire Station is to stage an open day for the community.

The event will take place at the station, in Parkfield Road, from 11am to 4pm on September 1.

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NEWS

Donations to borough's hospitals are up by 22pc

DONATIONS to Dudley's three hospitals have shot up by around 22 per cent in 12 months, new figures reveal.

The Dudley Group NHS Charity received a total of £586,000 in 2011/12 compared with £480,000 in the previous year.

Money given to the charity goes towards making patients more comfortable as well as supporting staff by funding training. The total donated during the past financial year includes £262,243 from legacies. Around £13,300 has also been generated by fundraising events.

The cash has been spent on items such as foldaway beds for the children's ward at Russell's Hall Hospital which allow parents to stay overnight.

Money has also been used to fund patient "comfort packs" containing essentials such as shampoo and a comb or brush to help make stays in hospital more comfortable.

Paula Clark, chief executive of The Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust, said: "The Dudley Group greatly appreciates every donation it receives, especially in these difficult economic times. The money continues to support a wide range of health-related activities which benefit both patients and staff."

The charity recently purchased a mammography/biopsy chair which helps to keep patients more comfortable during treatment. It cost £4,500 and some of the money was raised by firefighters Martin Davies, from Dudley Green Watch, and Richard Miles, from Halesowen Blue Watch who ran the gruelling Marathon des Sables.

Activities at town centre

DUDLEY Leisure Centre is hosting events aimed at youngsters aged from eight to 14 during the summer holidays. The sessions run every Wednesday, Thursday and Friday until August 24. Activities will include football, dancing, cycling, t-shirt design and computer games. Admission is £10 a day.

Church offering meals



Chris Walker, aged 66, from Cradley, and Pat Southall, 68, from Stourbridge, prepare to serve up a treat with fellow volunteers at the church TASTY dishes are on the menu for youngsters in Cradley after two churches teamed up to serve meals during the summer holidays.

Volunteers from St Peter's and Providence Methodist churches are providing free food for schoolchildren throughout August.

More than 100 children from

three Cradley schools were given special vouchers inviting them to six events at Providence Methodist Church, Windmill Hill.

Events are taking place on August 9, 15, 22 and 29 between 12.30pm and 1.30pm.

Cradley Makes Lunch is linked to wider campaign The Big Meal Deal.

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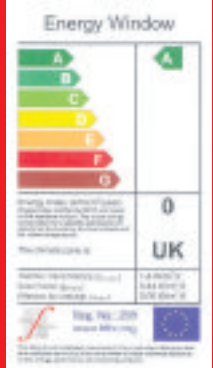
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Confusion over dialect

THE LETTER by Alan T Harrison on July 28 made some very good points about how the Black Country dialect can be confused with grammar.

Mr Harrison was right in saying "grammar is a description of the way language works" and he also made an excellent point about how the dialect has its own grammar in the example given.

I have sadly heard so many people – some of them Black Country people – who have spoken critically of the dialect, saying that it is "not English" and that dialect features such as "we am" are "not good English".

An even greater annoyance of mine is when many people, some Black Country people

included, refer to the dialect as "slang". It is obviously not slang, which is something different. When I was a child in the late 80s and early 90s many of my teachers corrected kids at my primary school for using dialect words.

I would worry about using the words in school for fear and embarrassment of being corrected in front of the whole class. I always thought my teachers had quite a snobbish attitude towards the dialect.

Attitudes towards the dialect seem slightly more relaxed nowadays, which is something that pleases me.

MATT MILLS
Wolverhampton

LETTERS

Madonna show was awesome spectacle

Re: the July 20 review of the Madonna concert at the NIA by Elizabeth Joyce.

Whilst I agree Madonna did keep her loyal fans waiting it was worth every second, the show she provided was an amazing cacophony of song, dance, lights and perfected showmanship, she was awesome.

I can also assure you, (from personal knowledge), that crowd did not consist of only "over-40 somethings" and due to the younger fans amongst the crowd dancing and singing the night away to keep warm there was not a woolly jumper in sight.

In relation to some "classics needed to get the crowds out of there seats", there was not a single butt on a seat, as commented on by the queen of pop herself.

NICOLA CLARKE
Cressett Avenue
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Brierley Hill

School staff do an excellent job

MY HUSBAND and myself attended the end of term production of our granddaughter's school, Church of the Ascension School, Wall Heath.

The staff of Key Stage Two and the children plus the headteacher did an excellent job. It really is an outstanding school. The Ofsted report was excellent teachers are excellent. Well done.

MRS MAUREEN BANKS
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She has remained steadfast in her role,

Can anyone fault her? Nay not a soul.

So carry on Elizabeth, God will help you through,

To continue to reign over the empire as you do.

So let us all raise a glass, To our Queen whose reigned since a lass.

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Squandering cash on pointless Olympics

REGARDLESS of what the gigantic waste of money, otherwise known as the London Olympics, costs me as a taxpayer (£27 million for the opening ceremony alone), it's certainly saving me money elsewhere. The BBC has wall-to-wall coverage. All the programmes I would normally watch on the BBC have been taken off and so, because I can rarely find anything worth watching on any of the other 'garbage' channels, my TV will remain largely switched off for at least the next three weeks.

One programme I did watch recently, was Helicopter Heroes. It's about the real heroes of the RAF search and rescue teams who save lives on a daily basis using 30 year old machines that are only kept going thanks to the skills of very dedicated mechanics. What they wouldn't be able to buy with £27m!

The idiots who rule us would rather squander our money providing for so called 'sporting heroes' competing in a giant waste of money, pointless carnival that less than a quarter of the population have any interest in, than for modern equipment for the real heroes who save lives.

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Look what's included...

Day 1: Journey through the Welsh countryside, arriving at the hotel late afternoon with time to settle-in before dinner.

Day 2: Full day excursion to Pembrokeshire, St. David's and Haverfordwest.

Day 3: Half-day trip taking in Laugharne, Pendine Sands, Amroth, Wisemans Bridge and Tenby - a lovely resort with a beautiful beaches.

Day 4: There's lots to see and do in Saundersfoot so today is left free so you can explore at your own pace.

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NEWS

Death-crash lorry driver spared from going to jail

A LORRY driver from Sedgley who crashed into the back of a car queueing at traffic lights on a motorway slip road, leading to a man's death days later, has been spared jail.

But Judge Amjad Nawaz told him he will live with the consequences for life.

Mark Roberts, aged 46, was found dead at home in Willenhall after complaining of neck pains and a headache in the days after Matthew Broadley's Renault Tipper lorry hit his Peugeot 206. The father of two had been discharged from hospital.

His injuries were not thought to be serious following the crash on the M6 slip road at junction 10 in Walsall in October.

Wolverhampton Crown Court heard that 31-year-old Broadley, who was a driver for S&B Waste Management & Recycling, Purbrook Road, Wolverhampton, saw three cars ahead of him but expected them to move off as the traffic lights had turned green.

However, the front car stalled and Broadley's "attention was diverted momentarily," said Mr Nigel Wilkins, prosecuting.

The lorry caused "extensive damage" to the Peugeot and Mr Roberts, who was conscious, was cut free by firefighters as a precaution. He suffered a haemorrhage and was discovered dead at home by his wife on October 21, the court heard.

Miss Michelle Brown, defending, said Broadley had struggled to come to terms with what happened. Broadley of The Vista, admitted causing death by careless driving. He was given a 26-week prison sentence, suspended for 18 months, and was ordered to do 200 hours of unpaid work. He was also banned from driving for 18 months.

Hall tours selling well

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Open audition for show



Inviting people to the audition for their show Believe, is company director Jodie Richards of Sedgley, with members, at the Mill Theatre, Sedgley

A NEW show in the Black Country will be holding an audition to find performers for the production.

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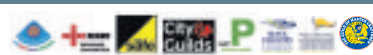
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NEWS

Veteran says ramp delay has trapped him in house

A FALKLANDS War veteran claims he has become a prisoner within his own home because the council has not yet installed a disability ramp.

Andrew Shutt, aged 54, served for 29 years in the armed forces before he suffered a serious stroke last November which has left him paralysed from the waist down.

But after being discharged more than four weeks ago, Mr Shutt is still to get a disability ramp installed outside his council home in Nanaimo Way, Kingswinford.

This week, Mr Shutt's wife and carer, Carol, said she was told it could be another week before the ramp was fitted.

As well as serving in the Falklands War, Mr Shutt also served in Norway, the Gulf and Northern Ireland and was awarded a British Empire Medal in 1990.

He retired in 2004 and worked as a medical engineer in Capital Medical until being made redundant in 2010.

Shocking

Mrs Shutt, 50, said: "My husband fought for this country, but now he is housebound because of some mix-up between some council officers."

"He's been housebound since he moved back, it's shocking."

Mrs Shutt said she could not move him outside of the home herself because of the weight of the wheelchair.

She said: "I'd been asking for the ramp when he was in hospital, but was told me they could not start an application for one before he is home."

Dudley councillor Steve Waltho, cabinet member for adult and community service, said: "We are aware of the urgency of this case and will be installing the ramp as soon as possible. However, sections of the specialist ramp are

having to be specifically manufactured for the job and this will be delivered to us shortly. We will then be able to carry out full construction of the ramp and aim to install it at the property in the week commencing August 13."



Andrew Shutt says he is a prisoner in his own home because of a delay in providing him with a disability ramp

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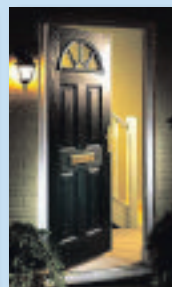
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NEWS

Traffic chaos claims spur plea for quarry cameras

RESIDENTS are calling for cameras to be installed near a Black Country quarry's entrance amid claims that lorries are causing traffic chaos.

People living near the Ketley Quarry in Kingswinford want council chiefs to measure the impact the site is having on the area. Operator WCL was recently given permission for vehicles to arrive at 7.30am instead of 8am. But residents say trucks waiting to enter the site are causing tailbacks.

It comes after bosses at the firm were warned by council chiefs earlier this month when lorries were caught entering the site before 7.30am.

Ward Councillor Patrick Harley says cameras would prove further action needs to be taken.

Site owners Hinton, Perry and Davenhill are drawing up plans to open at 7am instead, which they say would ease traffic.

Councillor Harley said: "I only hope that Dudley Council and its planning department and all its engineers who claimed the new entrance and opening times would have no impact on the Dudley Road are now hanging their heads in shame. If not then they should be."

Hinton, Perry and Davenhill managing director Alex Patrick-Smith said the operators had always provided CCTV when requested.

He added: "The gate is opened at 7.30am, which is the permitted time. Councillor Judy Foster, cabinet member for transportation, said: "The council is aware of the concerns of local people."

Mixed reaction to plans

PLANS to replace a closed-down pub in Dudley with five apartments have attracted a mixed response from the local community.

A developer wants to convert the Dry Dock pub, Windmill End, Netherton.

In letters to Dudley Council, some neighbours said too many flats are planned, but others say they will end drug dealing there.

Surprise celebration



Resident Annie Oakley, 83, with manager Stephanie Knott and owners Mike and Bernadette Ramdoo at the Park Lane Care Home, Sedgley

THE OWNERS of a Sedgley residential home have been treated to a surprise party for its 25th anniversary.

Ragavendrawo and Bernadette Ramdoo were joined by around 50 friends and former staff for the event at Park Lane House, Tipton Road, Sedgley. They had been

invited round by manager Stephanie Knott, aged 41, and were shocked to see the surprise gathering. The couple set the home up in July 1987 after moving from Wembley with their three young children.

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Sea cadets pull in cash the hard way



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SEA cadets in Dudley face a test of strength when they pull a canal barge for 20 miles through the Black Country on Saturday to raise cash. The narrowboat will be dragged along the waterways network from Dudley Canal Trust in Birmingham New Road to Brindley Place in Birmingham – and back again. The cadets will work in shifts throughout the day and expect to take 12 hours. They are looking for residents and firms to sponsor them at <https://mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/bargepull>

Glass cone sapling is removed by workmen

A SMALL tree growing out of the side of the historic Red House Glass Cone, Wordsley, has been removed following concerns it could damage the building. Specialist contractors were called in to carry out the work.

The clump of branches was sprouting from brickwork, leading to fears it could damage the 18th century building.

Workers had to painstakingly remove the sapling to ensure their own efforts did not pose a risk to the cone.

Another, smaller sapling that had started to emerge from brickwork on a lower section of the building closer to the entrance has also been removed.

Dudley Council said the work had been carried out last Wednesday just over a week after calls were made to deal with the problem.

Wordsley councillor John

By Lee Watton

Jones said he was pleased the work had been carried out.

"There was a real concern the tree could have caused damage to the cone if it had remained in place for a longer period of time," he said.

"This is one of the area's most historically important buildings and later this month will be one of the main sites for the International Festival of Glass.

"The sapling simply could not have been allowed to remain in place.

Peppa Pig to be at fun day

YOUNGSTERS will have the chance to meet Peppa Pig during a family fun day at Sedgley's Beacon Centre for the Blind on August 16. Other visitors can tour the facilities or browse the site's shop. For times, call 01902 880111 or email kvickers@beacon4blind.co.uk

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Call for heart screening after rugby boy's death

A CORONER has called on the Government to consider launching a national heart screening programme for young people following the sudden death of a fit Hagley boy while playing rugby.

Luke Chapman, aged 15, of Meadowcroft, Hagley, died from sudden adult death syndrome following an irregular heartbeat that happened without warning.

The fit, well built schoolboy was playing rugby at Baxter Business & Enterprise College, Kidderminster, when the tragedy happened on March 20.

Luke, who was playing for his school, Haybridge High, Hagley, died at Birmingham Children's Hospital 80 minutes after collapsing despite efforts to save him at the pitch and in the ambulance.

Birmingham deputy coroner, Miss Sarah Ormond-Walshe, recording a verdict of natural causes, said she would write to the Department of Health asking it to consider for a national heart screening programme.

Heart specialist Dr Mary Sheppard, of London's Brompton Hospital, said she found no abnormalities in Luke's heart.

But she said 10 to 12 people aged under 35 died every week - 800 per year - in this country from sudden adult arrhythmia.

"It is believed the heart just stops abruptly and the person literally collapses without warning," she said.

Dr Sheppard advised Luke's family to undergo checks to discover if there could have been any genetic cause. She called for a national screening programme.

Luke's father, Matthew Chapman, with who the youngster lived, told the inquest he was watching the match when his son just collapsed. "People looking after him started chest compression straight away," added Mr Chapman, aged 47.

Afterwards he said members of the family, including Luke's sister and her son, would now have the recommended tests.

Luke's mother, Miss Tracey Howell, aged 45, of Solihull, said: "We should be made aware that tests are available."

Becky remembered



Ethan Richardson and Jack Richardson, bottom, with Suzanne Richardson, and Annika Howdle, with Becky's mother Louise Palmer, and, top, Hollyann Brissett, Andrea Hartshorne, and Jack Vinto

FRIENDS and family of a tragic teenager who died of a brain tumour gathered on what would have been her 21st birthday at a charity Zumba session to raise money in her memory.

Becky Palmer, aged 19, was diagnosed with an aggressive tumour and given only a 25 per cent chance

of survival. She died just before Christmas 2010 surrounded by her family at their home in Ragees Road, Kingswinford.

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Council's move to new HQ hit by technical delay

A COUNCIL has been forced to delay moving more than 200 staff into its multi-million pound new headquarters as vital computer systems will not be installed in time.

Wyre Forest District Council had planned to move into the new building at Finepoint Business Park, near Stourport, at the start of September.

But bosses have now been told BT is unable to install vital data links for the council's computer system as scheduled. Council leader John Campion said the delay had meant putting back the installation of other IT facilities at the building.

He said the authority had been left with no choice but to reschedule the planned transfer of staff.

Workers are now expected to move into the site at the beginning of October - exactly a month later than originally planned. Councillor Campion said the delay would have no financial impact on the council and would not cause disruption to the authority's work.

"We have fully functional services at our other sites so the authority's work will continue as normal until the move takes place," he said.

"Unfortunately this is a situation which is out of our control and we are very disappointed the move will not take place as scheduled."

"The plan has always been to move into the new site by the start of September so to have to reschedule at such a late stage has been unfortunate. We ordered these links from BT back in March."

Fencing to go up at zoo

NEW 6FT high fencing is to be installed around Dudley Zoo.

Bosses at the zoo have won planning permission from Dudley Council for the six feet high fencing at the Castle Hill site. Gates will also be installed as part of the plan.

Author's first novel



David Massey will sign copies of *Torn* at Waterstones, Merry Hill

AN AUTHOR from Dudley is celebrating the release of his first book, which tells the story of an army medic on his first tour of duty in Afghanistan.

David Massey from Stourbridge has penned the teen novel *Torn* which has been published by Chicken House. The writer, who runs an emergency supplies organi-

sation with his wife Debi, is now busy writing his next book.

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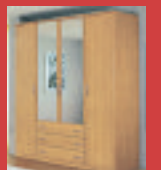
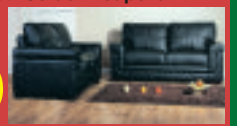
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This was perfectly summed up by the lighting of the torch by seven young people from a range of backgrounds, races and religions but united by their sporting potential.

Away from the Olympics, I met up with a sporting star of the future on Tuesday.

Tom Hickman from Woodseton is the Junior World Karate Champion.

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He's won things in three continents but because karate is not an Olympic sport he's had to fund his travel, kit and accommodation by doing fun runs, holding car boot sales and washing cars.

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National Express' kind offer came after I wrote to local businesses urging them to support Tom.

He received the pass at a special ceremony in Birmingham this week and it was great to be there.

Who knows, if karate becomes an Olympic sport, it could be Tom we see picking up a medal at future games.

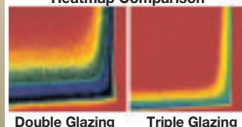


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The workshop at J and J Northwood Decorating Works, Barnett Street, in 1925



Glass cutting at Stevens and Williams, Brierley Hill



Workers at Tudor Crystal, in Junction Road, Audnam, pose near the factory

Reliving the days when glassmaking made the area a cut above the rest

It was once the glassmaking capital of the world at the cutting of edge of developments in the industry and its pieces prized worldwide.

Thomas Webb and Sons, Richardsons and Stuart Crystal, in Amblecote and Wordsley, are well-known to this day and the glass they created is highly collectable.

While now only the Red House Glass Cone, in Wordsley High Street, remains as a testament to the town's heritage, compared to a skyline once dominated by brick-built cones, the eyes of the glassmaking world are once again going to be focused on the town for the International Festival of Glass.

The event will be held at venues in the town from August 24 to 27. And this year will be extra special as it will celebrate 400 years of glassmaking in the town.

To commemorate the occasion, Broadfield House Glass Museum, Kingswinford, has shared some of its picture archives of the town's glassmaking heritage.

The 400-year anniversary date is taken from when Paul Tyzack baptised his first son at St Mary's Church, Kingswinford, in 1612.

Mr Tyzack was one of the town's first glassmakers. Originally from the Lorraine region of France he settled in the area due to the abundance of natural resources. Experts say it is likely glass was being made in the

By Lee Watton

town before that date but that is the first firm record they have of the family being in the Stourbridge area.

Items made by these early glassmakers would have included bottles and window glass. The glass would have had a green tinge due to the materials used.

The creation of lead crystal glass in the 1670s by London glassmaker George Ravenscroft would revolutionise the industry by creating a clearer version of the material. But the next great leap forward in the industry would be firmly based in the Black Country. In the 1790s two glasscutters, one from Dudley the other from Stourbridge, pioneered the steam powered cutting lathe.

Rediscovered

Previously the equipment had been operated by hand but the new machinery could cut deeper and with greater precision - creating intricate cut glass as it is known today. Another of the town's best-known glassmaker in the town was Thomas Webb.

Webb was involved in a number of factories in the town but mainly the Dennis Glassworks, off Collis Street, in Amblecote. In 1878, the firm won the Grand Prix for glass as the Paris International Exhibition.

Factories were also set up in Brierley Hill, including Stevens and Williams. Other factories of note were Tudor Crystal, in Junction Road, Audnam, and the Webb

Corbett factory, off Wollaston Road. In 1875, artist John Northwood rediscovered the ancient Roman art of cameo glass when he created the first exact replica of the Portland Vase. The original, dating from the Roman period, had been shattered at the British Museum in 1845.

He and his brother Joseph had previously set up J and J Northwood Decorating Works, in Barnett Street, Wordsley, which acid etched glass.

Stourbridge retained its grip on glassmaking innovation creating art deco styles in the 1930s but by the 1970s the industry had started to decline with many factories closing the 90s and 2000s.

The Webb Corbett site ran until 2000 when it was purchased from owners Royal Doulton by the Ruskin Mill Educational Trust. It is now the Ruskin Glass Centre. Tudor Crystal which had been based in Junction Road, Audnam, was purchased by Plowden and Thompson and continues at the New Dial Glassworks, also Audnam, to this day.

Glass expert Charles Hajdamach said the town's glassmaking heritage continued with the rise in studio glass, where artists work with the glass themselves as still a fixture in the town.

"Work being created at places such as the Ruskin Glass Centre, in Amblecote, is just as exciting as the developments in the past would have been," he said. "That pioneering spirit still exists to this day."



A drawing of the Dennis Glassworks, off Collis Street



Webb Corbett factory, circa 1960. The Ruskin Glass Centre is now on the site

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Dream time for young

TWO youngsters had their dreams come true after battling back from a hospital stay thanks to a children's charity.

Abigail Dunn and Carrie-Louise Johnson both received treatment at Dudley's Russells Hall Hospital when they were visited by Wishing Well volunteers pupil Abigail, aged 11, who lives in Lower Gornal got to spend a day at the Build a Bear shop at Merry Hill.

Meanwhile, Carrie-Louise Johnson, 16, had her wish granted to become a barrister for the day at St Philips Chambers in Birmingham.

Delays hit plans for cafe

HOPES to open a continental-style cafe bar and restaurant in a historic building to coincide with the opening of a new Dudley College campus have been dashed by delays.

It was hoped the old Carver's Cafe in Stone Street Square, which has stood empty for nearly a decade, would be finished by September to attract new students.

Council bosses wanted the opening to coincide with an £18 million vocational centre at Dudley College in nearby Tower Street.

But they revealed delays in getting work started mean it will now be completed in the new year. The college

building, which will be known as Dudley Evolve, forms part of a £30m university-style campus scheme by the college to create a new learning quarter in the town centre.

Developers say the new cafe bar could be a draw for young people. It will feature two large arched doorways harking back to when it was a fire station more than 100 years ago.

Piazza

It will also have a new entrance on to the square surrounded by glass panels, along with a piazza for tables and chairs.

The long-standing project had been central to the council's plans to regenerate the town but was shelved last year due to a lack of cash. But now an

unnamed firm has taken over the premises.

Regeneration councillor Shaikat Ali said: "There has been a delay but things are moving forward now."

"Architects have now been appointed and though we won't be able to get it ready for September we are hoping it will be early in the new year. It will be a really great development for the town when it is finished."

The cafe was originally conceived as the first stage of a redevelopment of the town centre but the plans fell through due to problems with funding.

But since then £4.5m European funding has been secured towards a £10m project to link Dudley Zoo to the Black Country Living Museum and Dudley Canal Trust.

Council among best at tax collection efficiency

DUDLEY and Sandwell councils are among the best in the country at raking in tax due from local ratepayers.

Both Sandwell and Dudley collected 98.2 per cent of the council taxes levied on borough taxpayers last year.

Wolverhampton was close behind, with 96 per cent of council tax owed collected during 2011-12. In Walsall more than 97 per cent of the amount due from borough taxpayers was collected, with more money recovered since the council continues to chase outstanding debts.

Dudley's cabinet member for finance, Councillor Pete Lowe, said: "Our high council tax collection rate places us joint second of all metropolitan councils, which benefits everyone by reducing administra-

tion costs and ensuring the council's spending programmes are properly funded."

But he said the council recognised the difficulties that hard-pressed residents and businesses were currently facing - so, from next April, they will be able to spread their payments over 12 months instead of the existing 10 months.

Councillor Lowe said that, despite the difficult economic climate, Dudley's high level of collection was on a par with that of previous years and was much better than the average for metropolitan councils.

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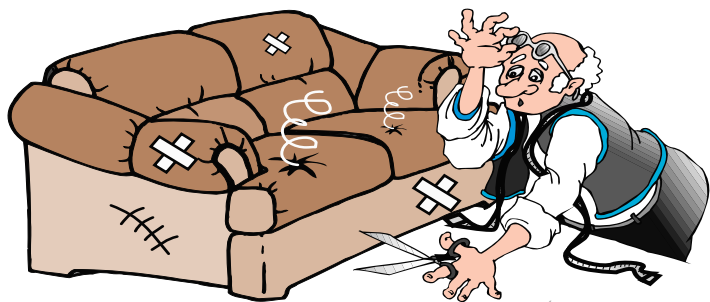
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CLUB NEWS

Armchair tour starts off in jail

MYTIME OVER FIFTIES

FOLLOWING the AGM, MyTime Over Fifties commenced its new programme of meetings with Sandy Cole, from Worcester Walks, giving an "armchair tour" of Georgian Worcester.

Sandy greeted everyone wearing Georgian costume and began her talk with a brief picture of Worcester in the 18th Century.

The armchair tour started at jail, in Castle Street, built to look like a castle. The 190 cells were all empty during the First World War as free pardons were given to anyone who joined up. Next was Worcester Guild Hall, built by Thomas White, apprentice to Christopher Wren. This was used as a court of law and has cells that can be viewed view.

Next up was the Countess of Huntingdon Hall, once a Calvinistic Methodist Chapel, saved from demolition and now a concert hall, with original features intact.

Other buildings shown included the site of the first building where Lea and Perrins made their Worcester sauce, the Hop Pole Hotel, Star Hotel and the Berkley Almshouses dating from 1703. The birthplace of Hannah Snell is still to be seen. Disguised as a man, in 1747, she joined the Royal Marines, fought in India, and was the first woman soldier to be a Chelsea Pensioner.

The club meets in the Amblecote Room, Stourbridge Town Hall on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 2pm.

Federation banner is carried by secretary



Secretary Wendy Brown carries the Guild banner at the South Staffs Federation AGM

WEDNESBURY TOWNSWOMEN

SECRETARY Wendy Brown had the honour of carrying the South Staffs Federation banner at the Townswomen's Guilds Annual General Meeting at the International Convention Centre, Birmingham.

It was chaired by national chairman Pauline Myers with speakers being the newly-appointed national vice president Esther Rantzen CBE and Eric Knowles. The meeting concluded with a rendition by the ladies - clad in red, white and blue - of Rule Britannia and the TG anthem - I am a Small Part of the World.

Wednesbury members were entertained by husband and wife team John and Annette Christophers of Altringham Pottery. Annette is also a talented watercolour artist.

The guild accepted an invitation to have a stall at a music festival at Wednesbury Rugby Club in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support and the Neonatal Unit at New Cross Hospital. The guild showed its appreciation by making a donation.

The annual afternoon tea takes place at 2pm on August 13, at The Baptist Church, Vicar Street.

Hats talk was fascinating

THE July meeting was a truly feminine event.

Mrs Catherine Clarke brought in a fantastic selection of designer hats and fascinators from her hat hire business in Blakedown.

She modelled each one and showed the correct way to wear them. She gave useful tips on the type and design that best complements a person's build and

K'FORD LADIES SOCIAL CIRCLE

personal features. Catherine had a range of distinctive matching clutch handbags that can complete the outfit.

She also had a collection of hats, donated to her, ranging from the 1920s, which are popular for themed parties.

Ann cooper gave a vote of thanks.

Ena Baker, Iris Ferreday and Janet Yates won the raffle. The chairman reported that events at The Whittington Inn and Val's afternoon tea party had been a success.

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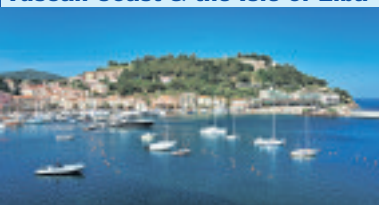
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NEWS

Cost cutting changes to open times at stations

CHANGES to the opening hours of two Midland police stations as part of cost cutting plans have now been introduced.

The move means the front counter at Stourport Police Station, which was open Monday to Saturday, is now open just four days.

Opening times at Kidderminster Police station have also been reduced in the evenings and at weekends.

The proposals were approved by West Mercia Police Authority earlier this year.

Chief Superintendent Trevor Albutt said: "The change to public service counter opening times will not affect local policing and all police stations will remain operational. We want to make sure we offer a good service to the public and be as accessible as possible." West Mercia Police needs to save around £30 million.

Local brews will be showcased to rest of the world

SOME of the region's favourite tipples are being showcased at this year's Great British Beer Festival which kicks off in London. Holdens Brewery will be helping to fly the flag for Dudley with their Black Country Mild. The family-run firm, which dates back more than 100 years, will be one of the brewers on the main bars in the event at the Olympia.

The brew will be joined by the popular Banks's Mild and Bank's Sunbeam which is produced at Wolverhampton's historic Park Brewery. The site is owned by Marston's and the brewer's EPA, Pedigree and Single Hop drinks will also be available during the festival.

While Backyard Brewery, of Walsall, will be serving up glasses of its Blonde ale.

They are among a host of other regional brewers to be represented at the event which runs until August 11. Organiser the Campaign for Real Ale (Cma) is aiming to showcase Britain's historic brewing industry to the rest of the world.

Drink driver handed ban

A MAN caught driving on a pedestrianised section of Stourbridge High Street while over the legal alcohol limit has been banned from the road for a year.

Paul Southall was found to have a reading of 108 milligrams of alcohol in 100 millilitres of blood. The legal limit is 80 milligrams, Dudley Magistrates heard.

Southall, 48, of Cooper Avenue, Brierley Hill, pleaded guilty to drink-driving on June 9. He was also fined £100 and ordered to pay £85 costs.

Illegal immigrant sent to prison over fraud

AN ILLEGAL immigrant has been jailed for 16 weeks after using false documents, some created on his home computer, to get loans from two Dudley shops. Kola Akingbade entered The Money Shop, in Stourbridge, on July 23 and presented a false bank card and payslip to successfully secure a loan of £300, Dudley Magistrates heard. He tried to get another loan from the Halesowen branch on July 26.

The court heard Akingbade used a different card and payslip but was caught out by staff and later arrested.

The court heard Akingbade, of Gillott Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham, was in the country illegally and was likely to be deported.

The 40-year-old pleaded guilty to two charges of fraud by representation and a further count of obstructing a police officer in the execution of his duties.

District Judge Michael Wheeler said given the circumstances a custodial sentence was the only option.

He was told Akingbade had originally been deported from the UK in 2006 following similar court proceedings but has returned illegally. Mr Mark Cooper, prosecuting, said: "He told police he had found

the bank cards and had created the payslips on his computer using the names on the cards.

"He originally gave false details to police and his real identity was only revealed following inquiries."

Mrs Amanda Tomkins, defending, said: "My client is realistic about what will now happen and knows he is going to custody."

"When he returned to the country he was working. He lost this employment and was struggling financially which is why he committed these acts."

District Judge Wheeler said: "I take into account your guilty pleas but this is the only credit I can give you."

Youth club romance stood the test of time



John Roberts, aged 87, with his wife Lorna, 86, celebrating their Blue Sapphire Wedding Anniversary and inset the happy couple on their wedding day

A COUPLE who met as teenagers at a youth club have celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary.

John and Lorna Roberts, of Wall Heath, spent many hours together as members of St Mary's Church Youth Club, Erdington, and shared a love of cycling. Their relationship grew from there and they were married at the church on July 26 1947.

They are parents to Steven, 60, who now lives in New Zealand, 59-year-old Clive and Jean, aged 49. Their eldest son Geoffrey, who would have been 62, was tragically killed in a parachuting accident 25 years ago.

The couple also have seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. They hope to visit Steven in New Zealand in January and say they are looking forward to the trip. Mr Roberts worked as a teacher and spent 19 years at Highgate Primary School, Dudley.

His wife worked as a secretary at Maidensbridge Primary School, in Wall Heath, for many years.

The couple hit the headlines when they took up badminton in their 60s and have only recently given up playing regularly at Stourbridge's Crystal Leisure Centre.

Road trip to raise funds for Callum

A SWAP-shop-style road trip from John O'Groats to Land's End will take place to raise money for a teenager who was paralysed in a BMX accident.

Callum Loveridge, aged 18, was injured when he landed awkwardly during a stunt on his bike on a woodland course near Kidderminster in 2010. Friends and family are setting off in a Land Rover from the far north of Scotland to western Cornwall this week.

Along the 12-day journey the team hopes to swap items for ones with a greater value, starting with a wristband, to then auction.

To arrange a swap, visit www.ca4u.co.uk.

Family get an opening night treat

A KIDDERMINSTER couple treated their two daughters to a once-in-a-lifetime trip to be right in the middle of the spectacular Olympics opening ceremony.

Peter and Gill Spencer took daughters Lotty, aged 20, and Harriet, a 17-year-old beauty therapist, to be in the audience for the amazing event on Friday night.

"It was very slick and quite moving," said Mrs Spencer, who is a supply teacher.

"It's something we'll never be able to do again in our lifetime - and well worth it."

Mrs Spencer added: "The crowd were going mad."

Burner work to start

WORK will start on a controversial £120 million waste incinerator in a village near Kidderminster within weeks - as campaigners decide whether to continue to battle the development.

The EnviRecover plant in Hartlebury near Kidderminster would be open by late 2013 and site bosses say they hope to start building by the end of the year.

The decision to approve the plans was announced by Communities and Local Government Secretary Eric Pickles after a three-year fight from local residents.

They are currently taking legal advice on what to do next. The Mercia Waste Management plant will take up to 200,000 tons of waste from Worcestershire and Herefordshire each year.



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What's On! Dudley

Ghostly night at the castle

VISITORS to Dudley Castle can go in search of ghouls and ghosts at the latest in a series of popular night-time events. The latest supper and ghost hunt takes place on August 11 from 7.30pm to 3am.

Visitors will work in small groups but can also go alone in certain areas. As midnight approaches everyone will join together for a seance in the area of the site that has been identified as "most active".

Tickets for the event, arranged by Haunted Happenings, cost £59. For more information call 01527451873.

A night of fun at half the price

FAMILIES can get into the Black Country Living Museum for half price and enjoy some musical entertainment, including a performance from the Fizzog theatre group.

The Halesowen-based comedy show on August 18 will feature The Froggatts and The Coterills. It starts at 6.30pm. Tickets are, adults £7 and children £4 and must be pre-booked at www.bclm.com/bookings or on 0121 5208054.

Sister bands

A "LADIES night" will be held at The Court House, New Street, Dudley, on August 17 where female-fronted bands Soul Preachers, Oxide and Eastwood will all perform at the Baseline night. Tickets are £4or and £6 on the door.

Vintage comedy Dandy Dick aims to be a West End winner

ACTRESS Patricia Hodge – now best known as mother of Miranda in the hit TV comedy series – stars with Nicholas Le Prevost in a revival of Victorian comedy Dandy Dick, which is coming to Birmingham before heading for London's West End.

National Theatre actor Le Prevost plays a highly respectable clergyman torn between his horror of gambling and a huge bill for church restoration. This is his dilemma

Rotten fresh

PIL, Wulfrun Hall
IF anger is an energy, as John Lydon sings on Rise, then it still fuels the former Johnny Rotten.

Spiky haired and prickly by nature, Lydon risked sell-out allegations via TV adverts for butter to fund the latest album by Pil, the band he founded after the demise of the Sex Pistols more than 30 years ago.

The blend of Lydon's declamatory vocals with Lu Edmonds' cascading guitar (and banjo!) plus dub grooves was formidable in this two hour show, and Lydon especially fierce on Religion. No nostalgia here with The Flowers of Romance sounding fresh and new songs like One Drop fitting right in. Best of all, he still means it, maaan!

Leon Burakowski

when his racy widowed sister Georgiana (Hodge) offers him a hot tip on her horse Dandy Dick.

Meanwhile, the Very Reverend Augustin Jedd's two daughters are plotting how they can escape the family home without a chaperone to be wooed by a couple of army officers.

Farce

This light farce and comedy of manners set in a Victorian drawing-room was a success in its day for playwright Arthur Wing Pinero, who was once as popular as Oscar Wilde and George Bernard Shaw. Its last major revival was in 1987.

Adapted and directed by Christopher Luscombe, Dandy Dick will be staged at Birmingham New Alexandra Theatre from August 21 to 25.

Call the box office on 0844 871 3011.



A scene from Dandy Dick featuring Nicholas Le Prevost and Patricia Hodge

Bolly good Shakespeare

Much Ado About Nothing, Stratford-upon-Avon

THE Bard goes Bollywood in Iqbal Khan's vibrant version of Shakespeare's play about love and honour.

After the RSC's African Julius Caesar, the World Shakespeare Festival continues with Much Ado switched from medieval Sicily to modern India – Shakespeare with a bhangra beat.

Staffordshire actress Meera Syal is in fine form as the formidable Beatrice, her humour laced with melancholy. Sparks fly when she meets her match in wise-cracking Benedick, played by Paul Bhattacharjee.

There is a dark undercurrent in how her cousin suffers for apparently bringing shame upon the family when jilted on her wedding day. There is fun from Anjana Vasan as a put-upon maid and Simon Nagra as a word-jumbling constable.

Much Ado is at Stratford until September 15.

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Healthy fair for the family

FAMILIES are invited to a free health fair at a Dudley school. Gornal Parent and Children's Centre will be hosting the event at Roberts Primary, Robert Street, Lower Gornal, on August 14.

The fair is open to the families of children aged under five including siblings and grandparents and runs from 1.30pm to 3.30pm. Activities will include a bouncy castle, face painting and arts and crafts as well as cookery classes and learn to massage taster sessions.

There will be more than 20 stands giving professional advice on areas such as healthy eating, breast feeding and dental health.

Bands help to lay foundation

BANDS will take to the stage for the second annual charity concert in aid of the Sophie Lancaster Foundation at Dudley's Lamp Tavern.

The three-day Rock for Sophie event from August 24 to 26 at the High Street pub features headliners The Tantrics, Valous and Junk Money. Tickets for the Friday are £4, and £6 for Saturday and Sunday.

Thunder rocks

ROCK band Thunder Lion continue their latest tour with a gig at Vagabonds in Dudley Road, Brierley Hill, on August 23. The Redditch-based group take to the stage at 8pm.

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CHOICE



Gary Lineker

Olympics 2012 BBC1, 7.15pm

Gary Lineker presents the concluding evening of sport in the Games, with an exciting night of action in store on the track and at the Aquatics Centre. At the Olympic Stadium, Mo Farah is expected to be in the running for gold in the 5,000m. Farah won this event at last year's World Championships in Daegu and will be determined to give the British fans something to cheer about after their support for Team GB throughout the three weeks. However, the east African contingent will be doing its best to ensure he does not have things all his own way.

BBC1

6.00 Olympic Breakfast. Chris Hollins and Sian Williams present a round-up of national and international news, and a look ahead to the day's events in the Olympic Games. **9.00** Olympics 2012. Mishal Husain and Rishi Persad present this morning's opening coverage on the penultimate day of the Games, featuring the concluding canoe sprint finals, and men's diving. **12.00** BBC News; Regional News; Weather. **12.15** Olympics 2012. The women's mountain bike cross-country final. **2.30** Olympics 2012. The men's football final (Kick-off 3.00pm). Jake Humphrey is at Wembley Stadium to present this afternoon's fixture, as the successors to Argentina will be decided. **5.15** BBC News; Regional News; Weather. **5.30** Olympics 2012. The conclusion of the men's modern pentathlon. **7.15** Olympics 2012. Gary Lineker introduces the concluding evening of athletics coverage at the Olympic Stadium, and the final of the men's 10m platform diving competition at the Aquatics Centre. **10.10** BBC News; Weather. **10.30** The National Lottery Saturday Night Draws. Jenni Falconer presents as the balls are set rolling to decide the all-important numbers. Including the Lotto and Thunderball draws. **10.40** Olympics Tonight. Gabby Logan and guests look back on the penultimate day's events at the London Games, and preview tomorrow's final day. **12.00** BBC News. **12.10** Olympic Sportsday. Dan Walker looks back at the 15th day's events. **12.55** Weatherview. **1.00** BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **11.55** Animal Park. (R) **12.55** Film: The Journey of Natty Gann. (1985) Disney adventure, starring John Cusack and Meredith Salenger. **2.30** Film: The Quick Gun. (1964) Western, starring Audie Murphy. **4.00** Escape to the Country. (R) **4.45** Antiques Road Trip. (R) **5.30** Entertaining the Troops. **6.30** Flog It! The team heads to Nantwich, Cheshire, where items of interest include pottery and Aboriginal art, and Paul Martin takes a guided tour of the Moorcroft factory. (R) **7.30** Dad's Army. Hodges challenges Captain Mainwaring's platoon to a cricket match. Featuring a guest appearance by former England and Yorkshire fast bowler Fred Trueman. (R) **8.00** BBC Proms 2012. From the Royal Albert Hall in London, the Halle and conductor Mark Elder celebrate the work of Ivor Novello, with soprano Sophie Bevan and tenor Toby Spence. **9.20** Film: London - The Modern Babylon. (2012) Premiere. Film-maker Julien Temple explores London's history from the beginning of the 20th century, revealing the people who have shaped the city over the years. **11.25** TOTP2. Mark Radcliffe presents performances by Thin Lizzy, Gotye, Siouxsie and the Banshees, Swing Out Sister, Tight Fit, New Order, Bow Wow Wow and the Rattles. (R) National Lottery Update. **12.25** Film: The Last Shot. (2004) Crime comedy, with Matthew Broderick and Alec Baldwin. **1.50** Close.

ITV1

6.00 CITV: Mini CITV. **7.20** CITV. **8.25** Saturday Cookbook. **9.25** ITV News. **9.30** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. **11.15** The Real Housewives of New York City. **12.15** ITV News; Weather. **12.25** All Star Family Fortunes. (R) **1.10** Film: Wild Wild West. (1999) Sci-fi Western comedy, starring Will Smith. **3.10** Film: For Your Eyes Only. (1981) James Bond spy thriller, starring Roger Moore. **5.30** Regional Programme; Weather. **5.45** ITV News; Weather. **6.00** Agatha Christie's Marple. A weekend party at a country house is marred by the discovery of a body in a secret passageway within its walls. Murder mystery, starring Julia McKenzie, with Ruth Jones. (R) **8.00** Midsomer Murders. The president of an ornithological society is found dead after an argument about a rare bird sighting. Guest starring Paul Nicholls and James Dreyfus. (R) **10.00** ITV News; Weather. **10.15** Mad Mad World. David Hasselhoff, Louie Spence and Coleen Nolan join Rufus Hound, Rhys Darby and regular panellist Rob Rouse for the comedy quiz. Presented by Paddy McGuinness. Last in the series. **10.50** Take Me Out. A care worker, a student, a publisher and a sales director try to impress 30 single women, and last week's couples go on their dates. Paddy McGuinness presents. (R) **12.00** The Store. ITV News Headlines. **2.05** In Plain Sight. (R) **2.50** ITV NightScreen. **5.30** ITV Morning News.

CHANNEL 4

6.05 The Hoobs. (R) **6.30** FIM Superbike World Championship 2012. (R) **6.55** British F3. **7.20** Channel 4 Presents: London 2012 - Mandip Sehmi Part III. (R) **7.25** The Grid. **7.55** The Morning Line. **8.55** 14 Ibiza Rocks: Professor Green. (R) **9.15** 14 V Festival: The Countdown. **9.50** 14: New Girl. (R) **10.20** 14: Revenge. **11.20** 14: Suburgatory. **11.55** 14: Summer Daze. **12.25** 14: The Big Bang Theory. (R) **12.55** 14: The Big Bang Theory. (R) **1.25** 14: The Simpsons. (R) **1.55** Channel 4 Racing. **4.10** Channel 4 Presents: London 2012 - Danielle Brown Part III. (R) **4.45** Come Dine with Me. (R) **4.45** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.20** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.50** Come Dine with Me. (R) **6.20** Channel 4 News. **6.50** 4thought.tv. Atheist teenager Rhys Morgan claims teachers are under pressure to side with religious students in discussions with non-believers. **6.55** Film: The Curious Case of Benjamin Button. (2008) A baby is born with the physique of a geriatric - and over a long and eventful life, grows younger with each passing year. Fantasy drama, starring Brad Pitt. **10.00** The Million Pound Drop. With Jedward, and cricketers Stuart Broad and James Anderson. Last in the series. **11.50** Film: A Prophet. (2009) Premiere. A crook is sent to a French prison dominated by rival Corsican and Muslim gangs, where he forms his own crime syndicate. Crime drama, with Tahar Rahim. **2.35** The Million Pound Drop. (R) **4.10** Happy Endings. **4.30** Countdown. (R) **5.15** Deal or No Deal. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake! **10.00** Power Rangers Samurai. **10.35** Batman: The Brave and the Bold. **11.10** Looney Tunes. (R) **11.15** Animal Rescue Squad. (R) **11.35** Big Brother: The Eviction. (R) **12.35** Ice Road Truckers: Deadliest Roads. (R) **1.35** Film: Sands of the Kalahari. (1965) **3.35** Film: Jesse Stone: Sea Change. (2007) **5.20** Film: Valencia Express. (1979) **7.05** 5 News Week. **7.10** NCIS. The body of a Muslim marine is found near a mosque that has been linked to al-Qaeda, but Ducky refuses to perform an autopsy out of respect for the dead man's religion. (R) **8.10** NCIS. Gibbs and the team set up a stake-out to catch a thief suspected of selling hi-tech Navy equipment on the black market, but end up witnessing a murder. (R) **9.00** Big Brother. The latest highlights, including another chance to see the last normal eviction before the housemates enter the final week and the race to become this year's winner begins. **10.10** CSI: Miami. A sinister phone call alerts the team to the existence of a killer who has murdered a prostitute and kidnapped another. Guest starring Ed Begley Jr. **11.05** CSI: Crime Scene Investigation. Nick investigates the death of an accountant and discovers links to his own kidnapping ordeal. (R) **12.05** SuperCasino. **4.00** HouseBusters. (R) **4.25** Divine Designs. (R) **4.50** Rough Guide to Islands. (R) **5.00** Hana's Helpline. (R) **5.10** The Milkshake! Show. (R) **5.35** Thomas & Friends. (R) **5.45** Roary the Racing Car. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Three
6.00 Olympics 2012 **9.00** Olympics 2012 **2.00** Olympics 2012 **8.00** Olympics 2012
BBC Four
7.00 Africa's Magnificent Beasts: Elsa - The Lioness That Changed the World **8.00** 10 Things You Didn't Know About Tsunamis **9.00** Wallander: The Fifth Woman **10.55** Top of the Pops: 1977 **11.25** Timeshift: Dear Censor
ITV2
2.35 America's Got Talent: Results **5.25** Film: The Flintstones (1994) **7.15** Film: Mr Bean's Holiday (2007) Comedy, starring Rowan Atkinson. **9.00** The Xtra Factor Rewind **10.00** Film: The 40 Year Old Virgin (2005)
ITV3
6.00 Film: Carry On Jack (1963) **7.55** Film: City of Angels (1998) Romantic fantasy, starring Nicolas Cage and Meg Ryan. **10.00** Agatha Christie's Marple
ITV4
2.25 Film: Spartacus (1960) **6.15** Live Football. Real Madrid v Celtic (Kick-off 6.30pm). **8.45** Greatest World Cup Matches **9.00** Film: Rocky II (1979) Boxing drama sequel, starring Sylvester Stallone. **11.25** Film: Child's Play 3 (1991)
E4
3.05 Desperate Housewives **4.00** Revenge **5.00** How I Met Your Mother **6.00** The Big Bang Theory **7.30** Rules of Engagement **8.30** Suburgatory **9.00** Film: The Waterboy (1998) Sporting comedy, starring Adam Sandler. **10.45** The Big Bang Theory
Film4
5.05 King Solomon's Mines (1985) **5.05** Love Story (1970) **7.05** Big Momma's House (2000) **9.00** The Ghost (2010) **11.30** Final Destination 3 (2006)

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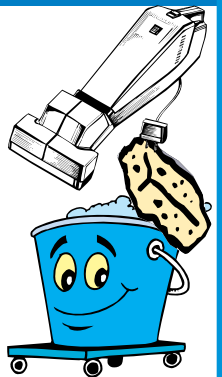
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What's On!

SUNDAY'S TV 12.08.12

CHOICE



Boris Johnson

Olympics 2012: Closing Ceremony BBC1, 9pm

If the opening ceremony is anything to go by, we're in for a real humdinger when it comes to London 2012's grand finale. Certain aspects appear in each such ceremony, including the symbolic handing over of the Olympic flag to the next host of the summer games, the march of the athletes and the extinguishing of the Olympic flame. But there's also a show involving more than 4,000 volunteers. But it's the big-name performers we're most interested in. Rumour has it that the Spice Girls will reform.

BBC1

6.00 Olympic Breakfast. Chris Hollins and Sian Williams present a round-up of national and international news, and a look ahead to the final day's events in the Olympic Games. **9.00** Olympics 2012. **10.45** BBC News. **10.50** Olympics 2012. Matt Baker and Tanni Grey-Thompson introduce coverage of the men's marathon, which gets under way at 1.1.00 on the Mall. **1.20** Olympics 2012. Jake Humphrey and Manish Bhasin introduce this afternoon's concluding men's boxing finals at the ExCel, London, where the last five divisions are decided. **4.00** Olympics 2012. Clare Balding and Gabby Logan present the conclusion of the women's modern pentathlon at Greenwich Park, where the last medals of London 2012 will be decided. **7.00** BBC News: Regional News; Weather.

7.30 Olympics 2012. A look back at the London Games, 16 days of high-quality competition at venues around the country, focusing on the achievements of the British squad.

9.00 Olympics 2012: Closing Ceremony. Live coverage of the ceremony to celebrate 16 days of sporting achievement, including the extinguishing of the flame and the handover to 2016 hosts Rio de Janeiro.

11.30 BBC News: Weather.

11.50 Live at the Apollo. Stand-up comedy from the Hammersmith Apollo. (R)

12.35 The Sky at Night. Patrick Moore and the team visit amateur astronomers at their home observatories, finding out why they spend their nights stargazing. **12.55** Weatherview. **1.00** BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. **11.30** Raymond Blanc: The Very Hungry Frenchman. (R) **12.30** Escape to the Country. (R) **1.15** Olympics 2012. The men's mountain bike cross-country final. **3.35** Weather for the Week Ahead. **4.30** Flog It! (R) **4.25** Eisteddfod 2012 with Cerys Matthews. **4.55** Songs of Praise. **5.30** Coast. (R)

6.00 Oceans. The first of two episodes exploring the Indian Ocean. (R)

7.00 Antiques Roadshow. Fiona Bruce and the experts examine more rarities at Tatton Park in Cheshire, including an instand with a link to Admiral Nelson and a precious item lurking in a box of jewellery. (R)

8.00 Exploring China: A Culinary Adventure. Ken Hom and Ching-He Huang visit Chengdu, capital of Sichuan province, sampling the spices that make its food unique and searching the back streets for authentic dishes and snacks.

9.00 The Dark Nature's Nighttime World. Justine Evans films a puma's nocturnal hunting behaviour, Gordon Buchanan investigates a mystery in the Magellan Strait and George McGavin tracks a vampire bat. Last in the series.

10.00 Film: *Glorious 39*. (2009) An actress becomes suspicious of a friend's suicide and uncovers a sinister government plot to avert war with Germany at all costs. Steven Poliakoff's period thriller, starring Romola Garai and Bill Nighy.

12.05 Film: *Sirens*. (1994) **1.35** Close.

ITV1

6.00 CITV: Mini CITV. **7.20** CITV. **8.25** Dinner Date. (R) **9.25** House Gift. (R) **10.25** There's No Taste Like Home. (R) **11.25** The Hungry Sailors. (R) **12.25** ITV News: Weather. **12.30** Grimmett Shields. (R) **1.00** The Community Shield Live. Manchester City v Chelsea (Kick-off 1.30pm). **3.50** Film: *Escape to Victory*. (1981) Second World War adventure, starring Michael Caine and Sylvester Stallone.

6.00 You've Been Framed! A selection of camcorder calamities, including a beaurox baby and an attack by cherry tomatoes. Narrated by Harry Hill. (R)

6.30 Regional Programme; Weather.

6.45 ITV News: Weather.

7.00 Agatha Christie's Poirot. The detective's friend (guest star Martin Shaw) hosts a cocktail party in Cornwall, where a priest chokes to death - and weeks later another guest dies in similar circumstances. (R)

9.00 A Touch of Frost. Part two of two. Mullett becomes convinced Frost's life is in danger as they investigate a series of copycat murders. David Jason and Bruce Alexander star. (R)

11.00 ITV News: Weather.

11.15 The Community Shield Highlights. Manchester City v Chelsea. Matt Smith presents action from the traditional curtain-raiser to the top-flight campaign, held at Villa Park.

12.20 The Briefs. (R) **1.15** The Store. Home shopping; ITV News Headlines. **3.00** Golden Balls. (R) **3.50** Motorsport UK. **4.40** ITV Nightscreen. **5.30** ITV Morning News.

CHANNEL 4

6.10 Road to London 2012: Paralympics Extra. A preview of the cycling events. **6.35** Outlaw Triathlon. (R) **6.40** Harry and His Bucket Full of Dinosaurs. (R) **6.50** Castle Farm. (R) **6.55** Abby's Flying Fairy School. (R) **7.05** Roobarb and Custard Too. (R) **7.15** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **7.25** Play! (R) **7.35** Noddy in Toyland. (R) **7.45** Milkshake! Monkey. (R) **7.50** Bert and Ernie's Great Adventures. (R) **8.00** Little Princess. (R) **8.15** The Adventures of Bottle Bill and His Best Friend Corky. (R) **8.30** Angelina Ballerina. (R) **8.40** Rupert Bear. (R) **8.55** Bananas in Pyjamas. (R) **9.10** The Mr Men Show. (R) **9.25** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **9.40** Jelly Jamm. (R) **10.00** Power Rangers Samurai. **10.35** Batman: The Brave and the Bold. **11.10** Looney Tunes. (R) **11.15** Big Brother. (R) **12.25** Film: *The Adventures of Sharkboy and Lavagirl*. (2005) **2.10** Film: *Tinker Bell and the Great Fairy Rescue*. (2010) **3.40** Film: *The Karate Kid Part II*. (1986) **5.50** Film: *The Goonies*. (1985) **7.55** 5 News Weekend.

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CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake! Peppa Pig. **6.05** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **6.15** Fill and the Floortits. (R) **6.25** City of Friends. (R) **6.40** Harry and His Bucket Full of Dinosaurs. (R) **6.50** Castle Farm. (R) **6.55** Abby's Flying Fairy School. (R) **7.05** Roobarb and Custard Too. (R) **7.15** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **7.25** Play! (R) **7.35** Noddy in Toyland. (R) **7.45** Milkshake! Monkey. (R) **7.50** Bert and Ernie's Great Adventures. (R) **8.00** Little Princess. (R) **8.15** The Adventures of Bottle Bill and His Best Friend Corky. (R) **8.30** Angelina Ballerina. (R) **8.40** Rupert Bear. (R) **8.55** Bananas in Pyjamas. (R) **9.10** The Mr Men Show. (R) **9.25** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **9.40** Jelly Jamm. (R) **10.00** Power Rangers Samurai. **10.35** Batman: The Brave and the Bold. **11.10** Looney Tunes. (R) **11.15** Big Brother. (R) **12.25** Film: *The Adventures of Sharkboy and Lavagirl*. (2005) **2.10** Film: *Tinker Bell and the Great Fairy Rescue*. (2010) **3.40** Film: *The Karate Kid Part II*. (1986) **5.50** Film: *The Goonies*. (1985) **7.55** 5 News Weekend.

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DIGITAL

BBC Three
7.00 Top Gear USA Road Trip **8.10** Film: *War of the Worlds* (2005) **10.00** Family Guy **10.45** American Dad! **11.30** Olympics' Most Amazing Moments

BBC Four
7.00 Pop Go the Sixties **7.05** Himalaya with Michael Palin **8.05** Reputations **9.00** Frankie Howard **10.00** Parkinson **10.35** Omnibus: Gore Vidal's Gore Vidal **11.25** Wilderness Explored

ITV2
3.00 The Xtra Factor: Kelly's Best and Worst **4.00** The Xtra Factor: Tulisa's Best and Worst **5.00** The Xtra Factor: Gary's Best and Worst **6.00** The Xtra Factor Rewind **7.00** Film: *Land of the Lost* (2009) **9.00** Benidorm **10.00** The Only Way Is Essex **10.45** Lemon La Vida Loca **11.30** Film: *Analyze This* (1999)

ITV3
3.35 Film: *City of Angels* (1998) **5.45** Film: *Arthur 2: On the Rocks* (1988) **8.00** Forensic Casebook with Matthew Kelly **9.00** Film: *The Birds* (1963) **11.25** Cracker

ITV4
11.00 British Touring Car Championship. **6.00** Goodwood Festival of Speed 2012 **7.00** Film: *The Far Country* (1954) **9.00** Film: *Jaws* (1975) **11.35** Film: *Death Wish 2* (1981)

E4
2.35 Charlie's Angels **4.15** New Girl **4.40** Suburgatory **5.10** Revenge **6.05** The Big Bang Theory **8.00** Film: *Fantastic Four* (2005) **10.05** Rude Tube: Ultimate Stunts **11.05** 2 Broke Girls **11.35** New Girl

Film4
2.35 Holy Man (1998) **4.50** Battle for the Planet of the Apes (1973) **6.35** The Day After Tomorrow (2004) **9.00** Top Gun (1986) **11.10** Inglourious Basterds (2009)

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What's On!

Film Choices

MONDAY

Austin Powers: International Man of Mystery, Channel 5, 11.25pm
A velvet-clad, sex-crazed secret agent from the 1960s agrees to be put into a state of suspended animation after his arch-enemy escapes justice. Thirty years later he is defrosted to do battle with the power-mad villain again, but the mission proves nearly as daunting for him as getting to grips with 1990s social values. Spoof spy adventure, with Mike Myers. (1997)

TUESDAY

The Specialist, ITV1, 10.35pm
An explosives expert is reluctantly persuaded out of retirement by the charms of a vengeful woman bent on destroying the gang that murdered her parents in cold blood. He carries out a series of assassinations with expert precision but finds himself caught in a deadly game of cat and mouse when it is revealed a target has hired a former colleague to track him down. Action thriller, starring Sylvester Stallone, Sharon Stone, James Woods, Rod Steiger and Eric Roberts. (1994)



The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas, Friday, BBC2, 9pm

WEDNESDAY

The Invisible, BBC1, 12.15am
A teenager is attacked and left for dead in the woods, where he finds himself caught in a state between life and death, and invisible to everyone around him. As he observes the investigation into his disappearance, he realises that his only hope of returning to the land of the living is to persuade his assailant to confess. Thriller, starring Justin Chatwin, Marcia Gay Harden, Margarita Levieva and Christopher Marquette. (2007)

THURSDAY

Cheating Fate, Channel 5, 3.10pm
A woman renovating an old house discovers a magical antique music box, and finds that every time it is opened the events of the past seem altered. She continually uses the box in the hope of reversing the tragedy of her husband and daughter's death, but in the process risks losing everything that matters to her. Fantasy thriller, with Brooke Burns. (2007)

FRIDAY

The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas, BBC2, 9pm
Bruno, a young boy in Nazi Germany, moves to the country when his father is placed in charge of a concentration camp. While exploring the woods near the camp's fence, he meets a Jewish boy being held there, and the two youngsters become friends. But Bruno remains innocently oblivious to the camp's horrific true purpose. Drama, starring David Thewlis, Asa Butterfield and Jack Scanlon. (2008)

Pick of the Week

Love triangle leads to a crime of passion

Yes, it boasts a tremendous cast, the episodes are all written or co-written by the acclaimed Jimmy McGovern, and it explores how ordinary people can find themselves standing in the dock, on trial for the most horrifying crimes. But for many people, the real draw of the second series of **Accused (Tuesday, BBC1, 9pm)** is the chance to see Sean Bean in drag.

Luckily, the BBC isn't going to make us wait, as he stars in the first of the six stand-alone dramas, playing college teacher Simon Gaskell, who leads an intriguing double life. In the evenings, he is a transvestite called Tracie Tremarco, who does the rounds of Manchester's bars looking for love.

Bean admits he didn't immediately jump at the chance to put on his stilettoes. "I had a call from my agent saying, 'Do you fancy playing a transvestite?'" I said, "Not really, why?"

"But as soon as she said it was a Jimmy McGovern project, who I've wanted to work with for a while, I was interested."

Even once he'd accepted the role, there were challenges in store.

"There I am, a big bloke, it's a week before filming and I'm practising walking in high heels round my house. It felt like I was on stilts. I thought this hurts. I'll never stop hobbling. I need to be able to get my balance and posture right. My sympathies go out to women now. I understand what they go through!"

"Mind you, I can say I've really got the hang of heels now, I don't think they're that bad. I can dance in them too."

But he's keen to point out that there's more to the opening episode of **Accused** than the chance to see one of Britain's most successful – and most rugged – actors as we've never seen him before.

"The script was brilliant, and very moving. It's a really touching story about a complicated man. He has a relationship with another man, which develops into deep love, and then spirals out of control into something quite dark and disturbing."

The trouble starts when Tracie meets Tony (Stephen Graham), a

satellite and aerial engineer who rescues her from an altercation with a group of blokes on a stag night. Love begins to blossom, but Tony has a secret of his own – he's married to beautician Karen (Rachel Leskovac), and while he's smitten with Tracie, he does still care about his wife.

The result is a love triangle that points to a terrible crime of passion.

Bean says: "It's not about sex; it's about falling in love. In Tracie's case it's with the wrong person, which is something everyone can relate to whatever their preferences are."

But while things look set to end badly for Tracie and Tony, the actor had a much more positive time.

"The experience of being Tracie was great fun and really liberating. I've not had an adrenalin rush like it for ages..."

"This role has been a great opportunity. It's one of the most challenging parts I've ever done; it's so far from my perceived image. I can't think of anything that compares. I can't put it."



Stephen Graham and Sean Bean star in **Accused**, BBC1, 9pm

Best of the Rest

MONDAY

Escape from Colditz, Channel 4, 9pm

Several episodes of the acclaimed 1970s TV series **Colditz** featured Jeremy Kemp as an academic-turned-pilot obsessed with the idea of building and then flying a glider out of the PoW camp. The true story of that audacious bid is charted in this fascinating documentary. By the time the glider was ready to fly, the conflict was almost over, so it was never used – and nobody is sure it would have worked anyway. However, Cambridge engineer Dr Hugh Hunt is determined to find out whether anybody could have made good a getaway using this method, and decides to test it out with help from various aeronautics engineers and carpenters, who rebuild the glider using the same materials the inmates had at their disposal.

Ruth Rendell's Thirteen Steps Down, ITV1, 9pm

By day, Mix Cellini (Luke Treadaway) seems like a fairly average young man, albeit one with an unusual name and a sideline in offering his sexual services to rich, bored women. But by night he's consumed with his twin obsessions – the infamous serial killer of the 1940s and 1950s, Reginald Christie, and the supermodel Nerissa Nash (Eilarica Gallacher). With that premise, you don't need to know that this drama is based on a novel by crime queen Ruth Rendell to guess it's going to end very badly indeed. When Mix's girlfriend dares to criticise Nerissa, it causes his obsessions to collide in dangerous fashion.

TUESDAY

Emmerdale, ITV1, 7pm

Uprooting your entire life to move to the other side of the world, where you'll be stuck playing gooseberry to your best mate and his new bride (who also happens to be your ex) isn't everyone's idea of an exciting fresh start. Yet Rhona and Paddy have somehow convinced themselves that Marlon must have an ulterior motive for wanting to stay in Emmerdale, and now they think they know what it is – Laurel. Paddy confronts his friend, demanding to know why he didn't tell him about the relationship, and when Marlon makes it clear he and Laurel aren't yet ready to go public, the vet sees a chance for a spot of blackmail.

WEDNESDAY

Live International Football, ITV1, 7.30pm

England face the might of Italy once again in a friendly encounter at the Stade de Suisse Wankdorf in Berne, Switzerland. The sides met as recently as June, when Roy Hodgson's men suffered penalty shootout heartbreak at the hands (or possibly the feet) of the Italians in the quarter-finals of Euro 2012. Despite a courageous defensive display from the English, Cesare Prandelli's men were the dominant side for much of the match and will perhaps enter this contest as slight favourites.

The Flowerpot Gang, BBC1, 8pm

Anneka Rice, Phil Tufnell and Joe Swift host this new, four-part series, which can perhaps be best described as **Ground Force** for a new generation – although there's no news yet on whether that much-missed show's trademark brass band soundtrack will be making a return. The **Flowerpot Gang** will see Anneka, Phil and Joe journey across the country, transforming neglected plots of land into life-changing spaces as they go. Their first stop is Woodland View, a nursing home on the outskirts of Sheffield. Its garden should provide a haven for the home's 60 residents, who have various forms of dementia, but the paths are too dangerous, so it's out of bounds. But now, all that's about to change.

THURSDAY
Peter Kay Live: The Tour That Didn't Tour – Tour Channel 4, 9pm

The idea of booking tickets for a comedy gig two years in advance is unheard of for many, but Peter Kay is no ordinary comedian. His success on the circuit has been unparalleled, so when he announced his **Tour That Wouldn't Tour**, his first for seven years, fans responded in their masses for the gigs at Manchester Arena. The result was documented in

Ruth Rendell's **Thirteen Steps Down**, Monday, ITV1, 9pm

a best-selling DVD, and now here's a chance to see some of the rib-tickling highlights. Okay, you may have already paid to view much of this, but there are some added extras here that weren't included on the DVD.

FRIDAY

Celebrity MasterChef, BBC2, 6.30pm

As the remaining contestants hope they can stand the heat and make it to a place in the final eight, the famous oven jockeys are challenged to produce a lip-smacking two-course meal to be judged by two past champions – Lisa Faulkner and Phil Vickery – and previous finalist Andi Peters. It remains to be seen who gets through this stage of the competition, but we comfortably predict it will lead to a serious spot of fridge raiding from viewers around the UK. As ever, John Torode and Gregg Wallace will be judging.

Corrie Goes to Kenya, ITV1, 9pm

Sue Cleaver, Ryan Thomas, Brooke Vincent and Ben Price may be four of **Coronation Street**'s best-loved actors, but entertaining millions each week from the relatively cosy sets of Manchester was light years away from one of their greatest acting challenges. Earlier this year, they joined forces with the charity **SAFE** to use performing arts to educate people on the dangers of HIV and drug abuse. In the first of a two-part series we see how the thespians better known as Eileen, Jason, Sophie and Nick use their **Coronation Street** storyline experience as a way of spreading the word about the dangers of the world's biggest killers. This first episode sees the quartet arrive at Mombasa's biggest slum.

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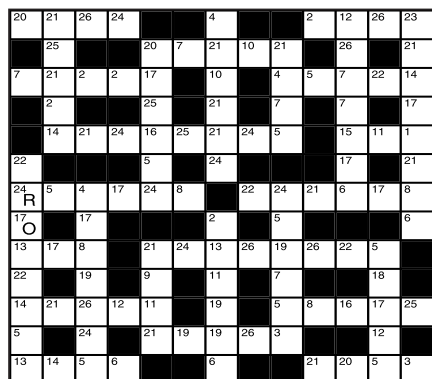
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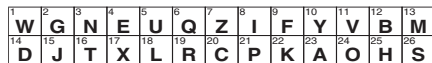
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7. Fight for rubbish (5)
9. A satchel for share certificates (5)
10. Crying out for a vocation (7)
12. See 6 Across
14. Under-seamen? (11)
18. Swagger gives the Arcadian a feeling of discomfort (7)
19. A quantity pleasing kind of accent (5)
21. Change the place for the wedding, we hear (5)
22. See 6 Across

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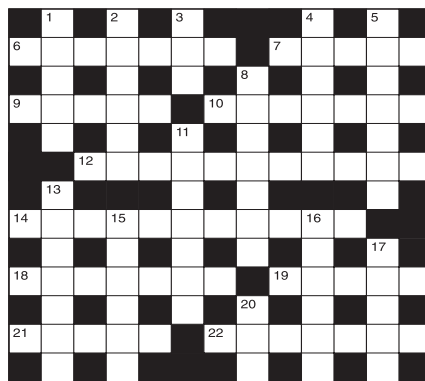
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7. Light meal (5)
9. Speak (5)
10. Ripens (7)
12. Share owner (11)
14. Bespoke (4,2,5)
18. Unfeeling (7)
19. Awry (5)
21. Tilt (5)
22. Pardon (7)

Down

1. Moving with speed - but alive, nevertheless! (5)
2. Make over the property - like to write your name? (6)
3. No youngster is in school-days (3)
4. Libra or parts of Pisces! (6)
5. Parent disturbed about one with artistic talent (7)
8. Musket container gets attention all round (7)
11. Showing craftiness in any serious disorder (7)
13. The dog, with skill, can be healed (7)
15. Complained about a demon (6)
16. The noise of a bat (6)
17. This will provide play-room (5)
20. The strike is a great success (3)

Down

1. Condition (5)
2. Abandon (6)
3. Frigid (3)
4. Yearly (6)
5. Plotter (7)
6. Collects (7)
11. Eight-armed cephalopod (7)
13. Bullfighter (7)
15. Enrol (6)
16. Flag (6)
17. Depart (5)
20. Wand (3)



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS:
CRYPTIC - Across: 1 Playthings; 7 Plane; 8 Ballast; 10 Linesmen; 11 Left; 13 Gorgon; 15 Loathe; 17 Sage; 18 Particle; 21 Sights; 22 Amend; 23 Checkmates. Down: 1 Prawn; 2 Aversion; 3 Tables; 4 Idle; 5 Gravest; 6 Apologists; 9 Title-deeds; 12 Contract; 14 Roguish; 16 Ransom; 19 Crews; 20 Chic. QUICK - Across: 1 Disdainful; 7 Naive; 8 Creator; 10 Helpless; 11 Skit; 13 Strong; 15 Stance; 17 Also; 18 Sedition; 21 Marquee; 22 Knobs; 23 Necromancy. Down: 1 Drill; 2 Swelling; 3 Stricken; 4 Reserve; 16 Redeem; 19 Irony; 20 Purr.

Sudoku

Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >



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Replace the question mark with a letter so that the letters within each circle can be arranged to form words on a common theme. What are the three words, and the letter represented by the question mark?



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KARL 40, fun loving, caring, seeks female for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 389662

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- Three bedrooms
- Central heating rooms
- Double glazing
- Two reception rooms

£115,995

IBIS GARDENS

KINGSWINFORD

- Detached residence
- Three bedrooms, ensuite to master
- Spacious lounge plus conservatory
- Central heating & double glazing
- Driveway & garage
- Popular cul-de-sac position

Reduced to **£189,000**

STANTON AVENUE

WOODSETTON

- Extended semi-detached home
- Surprisingly spacious
- Three bedrooms
- Three reception rooms
- Superb size rear garden
- Quiet cul-de-sac position

£144,995

SCHOOL STREET

SEDGLEY

- Semi-detached home
- Two double bedrooms
- Two reception rooms
- Central heating
- Convenient location

£111,950

ROCK STREET

UPPER GORNAL

- Well presented mid-terraced
- Two beds & two receptions
- Stylish kitchen
- Upstairs shower room
- Convenient position
- VIEWING RECOMMENDED

Reduced to **£111,995**

GIDEONS CLOSE

UPPER GORNAL

- Modernised semi-detached
- Two bedrooms
- Central heating
- Double glazing
- Quiet location

Reduced to **£109,950**

HILARY CRESCENT

BRAMFORD ESTATE, WOODSETTON

- A well presented semi-detached home
- Three bedrooms
- Ground floor WC
- Central heating & double glazing
- Off road parking
- REDUCED FOR QUICK SALE

Reduced to **£99,950**

QUARRY BROW

UPPER GORNAL

- A well presented semi-detached home
- Three bedrooms
- Dining kitchen
- Rear garden
- Must be viewed

Reduced to **£99,950**

WOODCROSS STREET

WOODCROSS, COSELEY

- Semi-detached home
- Three bedrooms
- Double Glazing
- Conservatory
- No Upward Chain

Reduced to **£89,950**

COOPERS BANK ROAD

BRIERLEY HILL

- Semi detached home
- Recently refurbished
- Boarder of Lower Gornal
- Two bedrooms
- Central heating and double glazing
- Side Garden

£84,950

JOCKEY FIELDS

UPPER GORNAL

- A spacious first floor flat
- Two bedrooms
- Double glazing
- Rear Garden
- Must Be Viewed

Reduced to **£67,950**

GOSPEL END STREET

SEDGLEY

- Delightful detached home
- Three/Four Bedrooms
- Family bathroom
- Ensuite
- Garage with utility area
- Double entrance driveway

£275,000

RIPLEY GROVE

DUDLEY

- Detached residence
- Four Bedrooms
- Four bedrooms
- Two reception rooms
- Two bathrooms
- MUST BE VIEWED

£223,000

DEWSBURY DRIVE

PENN

- Pleasant detached bungalow
- Three bedrooms
- Spacious lounge/diner
- Central heating & double glazing
- Conservatory & garage
- VIEWING RECOMMENDED

£219,950

FLAMBOROUGH WAY

COSELEY

- Four Bedroom Detached
- Lounge plus Dining Area
- Extended Stylish Kitchen
- Bathroom plus Ensuite
- Off Road Parking plus Garage

£215,000

FARRINGTON ROAD

ETTINGSHALL PARK

- Spacious detached family home
- Two reception rooms
- Kitchen, utility, down stairs WC
- Spacious bathroom
- Off road parking plus garage
- Fully enclosed rear garden
- NO UPWARD CHAIN

£209,000

LONGFELLOW ROAD

STRAITS, DUDLEY

- Detached bungalow
- Refurbished Throughout
- Two bedrooms
- Off road parking & garage
- Popular location
- MUST BE VIEWED!

£195,000

QUEENS ROAD

SEDGLEY

- Extended Semi-Detached
- Four Bedrooms
- Two Spacious Reception Rooms
- 'L' Shaped Dining Kitchen
- Down stairs WC
- Garage

£189,950

BARN AVENUE

SEDGLEY

- An impressive family home
- 18th Stylish dining kitchen
- Modern bathroom
- Central heating & double glazing
- Conservatory & garage
- Garage conversion
- MUST BE VIEWED

£187,500

BROWNSWALL ROAD

SEDGLEY

- Four bed semi-detached apartment
- Two bedrooms
- Living room plus dining area
- Laundrette and downstairs WC
- Two bathrooms
- Off road parking plus garage

£185,000

GOODRICH MEWS

UPPER GORNAL

- Three story semi-detached
- Two reception rooms
- Two bathrooms plus downstairs WC
- Kitchen plus utility
- Off road parking & double glazing
- Well presented accommodation

£162,500

LIME ROAD

SEDGLEY

- A spacious and well presented end terraced home
- Three bedrooms
- Two reception rooms
- Utility room
- Attractive enclosed rear garden
- Off road parking

£124,950

THE VISTA

SEDGLEY

- Semi detached in popular location
- Three bedrooms plus bathroom
- Lounge plus breakfast kitchen
- Laundrette & Downstairs WC
- Delightful garden with patio
- No upward chain

Reduced to **£116,950**

MILL BANK

SEDGLEY

- Well presented semi-detached
- Two bedrooms
- Two reception rooms
- rooms
- Fitted kitchen plus utility
- Modern bathroom

£107,500

GOODRICH MEWS

UPPER GORNAL

- Modern second floor apartment
- Two bedrooms
- Living room plus dining area
- Fully fitted kitchen
- Parking for 2 vehicles
- VIEWING RECOMMENDED

Reduced to **£99,950**

GORDON AVENUE

LANESFIELD

- Spacious Semi-detached
- Two bedrooms
- Dining kitchen
- Central heating
- Double glazing
- No Upward Chain

£89,950

LABURNUM ROAD

KINGSWINFORD

- Modern ground floor flat
- Lounge, kitchen, bedroom, bathroom
- uPVC double glazing
- Heating
- Quiet position
- No upward chain

£76,000

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WORDSLEY HELSTON CLOSE

Pleasantly situated at the head of this popular and convenient cul-de-sac, this Modern 2 Bedroom Link Detached Bungalow provides deceptively spacious gas centrally heated and UPVC double glazed accommodation ideal for the retired and is available with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Requiring certain upgrading but offering tremendous future potential the accommodation includes:- Hall, Spacious Lounge, Kitchen, 2 Bedrooms, Shower Room (adapted for disability), Side Garage, Pleasant Rear Gardens and driveway.

Offers around £149,950



PENSNETT DREADNOUGHT ROAD

Available at a realistic asking price, this attractively presented Modern 3 Bedroom with Detached residence provides deceptively spacious well planned gas centrally heated and UPVC double glazed accommodation ideal for the young family in this popular and convenient address with NO UPWARD CHAIN the accommodation includes:- Hall, Spacious Lounge with Dining Area, Fitted Kitchen, 3 Good Bedrooms, Re-fitted Bathroom with 'wet' bath and shower, separate W.C., good sized Side Garage, Driveway and Pleasant Rear Garden.

Offers around £149,950



QUARRY BANK JUDGE ROAD

Pleasantly situated in this ever popular cul-de-sac, this attractively presented Modern 3 Bed Semi provides spacious gas centrally heated and UPVC double glazed accommodation ideal for the most discerning of young families or First Time Buyers in this popular and convenient address. Briefly comprises:- Large Hall, Spacious Lounge, Kitchen, 3 Excellent Bedrooms, Spacious Bathroom, Garage, Pleasant lawned Rear Gardens and Driveway for 2 Cars.

Offers around £124,950



HOLLY HALL NEWLAND GROVE

A superbly presented, stylishly improved Traditional 3 Bedroomed End Townhouse providing spacious gas centrally heated and UPVC double glazed accommodation ideal for the discerning young family in this established address. Briefly comprises:- Hall, Attractive Lounge, Superb Re-fitted Dining Kitchen, 3 Bedrooms, Attractive Re-fitted Bathroom with shower, Pleasant Good Sized Lawned and Landscaped Rear Gardens with private outland and Driveway for 2 cars to the front.

Offers around £114,950



BRIERLEY HILL HILLCREST AVENUE

Most pleasantly situated overlooking sports ground to the rear in this ever popular address this sizeable Traditionally styled 3 Bed Semi-Detached affords gas centrally heated and double glazed accommodation which although requires modernisation and improvement provides tremendous future potential. Briefly comprises:- Hall, Spacious Lounge, Separate Dining Room, Large Kitchen, Lean-To / Veranda, 3 excellent Bedrooms, Bathroom, Sep W.C., driveway and Mature Gardens with pleasant westerly aspect.

Offers around £105,000



BRIERLEY HILL ORCHARD STREET

A superbly presented and very stylishly improved 2 Bed Semi providing deceptively spacious gas centrally heated and UPVC double glazed accommodation ideal for the most discerning of young families or First Time Buyers in this popular and convenient address. Briefly comprises:- Hall, attractive Lounge, magnificent refitted Dining Kitchen with built-in oven, hob, dishwasher, fridge and freezer, 2 excellent Bedrooms, sumptuous refitted Shower Room, beautiful landscaped rear Gardens with Summer House and pleasant private outlook and driveway for 2 cars to the front.

Offers around £99,950



BRIERLEY HILL GROVE CRESCENT

Pleasantly situated in this popular and convenient address, this improved 3 Bedroom Semi-Detached provides spacious Gas Centrally Heated and UPVC Double Glazed accommodation ideal for the Young Family and is available with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Briefly Comprises:- Hall, spacious Lounge, Separate Dining Room, Attractive Fitted Kitchen with Built in Oven and Hob, 3 Good Bedrooms, Fitted Bathroom with Shower, Pleasant lawned rear Gardens with southerly facing aspect and tarmac driveway for 2/3 cars.

Offers around £99,950



PENSNETT PRIMROSE PARK

This attractively presented, Modern 2 Bedroomed 'Mews' Bungalow is pleasantly situated in this ever popular 'Courtlyard' development offering peace of mind and represents a superb opportunity for the over 60's. With gas central heating and double glazing, the accommodation includes:- Porch/Hall, Lounge, Fitted Kitchen, 2 Bedrooms, Bathroom, Double Glazed Conservatory, Maintained Grounds, Parking Area and Secure Entrance.

Offers around £94,950



BRIERLEY HILL LIMES AVENUE

This attractively presented and lovingly maintained 2 Bedroomed Semi provides deceptively spacious gas centrally heated and UPVC double glazed accommodation ideal for the First Time buyer, young family or INVESTOR and is pleasantly situated in this popular address. Briefly comprises:- Porch, Hall, Lounge, Fitted Dining Kitchen, 2 Good Bedrooms, Superb Refitted Bathroom with Shower, delightfully kept Rear Gardens with southerly facing aspect and GARAGE to the rear.

Offers around £89,950



BRIERLEY HILL VICTORIA STREET

Conveniently positioned in this popular and convenient address close to the Town Centre and Merry Hill, this 3 Bedroomed Intermediate Terrace provides spacious gas centrally heated (not tested) and double glazed accommodation which although requires updating and improvement offers excellent potential. Briefly comprises:- Hall, Lounge, separate Dining Room, Kitchen with built-in oven and hob (not tested), Downstairs W.C., 3 Bedrooms, Bathroom and good sized rear Gardens.

Offers around £78,000



BRIERLEY HILL FOXDALE DRIVE

Enjoying a splendid more 'secluded' position on this ever popular development this attractively presented Modern One Bedroomed 'Mews' residence provides skilfully proportioned gas centrally heated and UPVC double glazed accommodation ideal for the first time buyer, single person or retired. Briefly comprises:- Attractive Open Plan Lounge with Attractive Fitted Kitchen, Double Bedroom, Fitted Shower Room, Pleasant Gardens and Car Parking Space

Offers around £72,950



BROCKMOOR LEYS ROAD

This attractive, recently redecorated Modern 3 Bedroomed Detached provides deceptively spacious gas centrally heated and UPVC double glazed family accommodation conveniently positioned with pleasant views to the rear in this popular address. Briefly comprises:- Hall, Downstairs W.C., Spacious Lounge, Fitted Kitchen with built in oven and hob, 3 Bedrooms, Bathroom (refitted with shower Cubicle but requiring minor finishing works), Integral Garage, Pleasant Rear Gardens with sunny open aspect and Driveway for 3/4 Cars to the Front

Offers around £132,750



NETHERTON BIRCH TERRACE

This well presented Traditional 3 Bedroomed Semi-Detached residence provides deceptively spacious gas centrally heated and double glazed accommodation ideal for the young family in this popular address. Briefly comprises:- Hall, Lounge, separate Dining Room, Fitted Kitchen, 2 good Bedrooms with access to Bedroom 2, refitted Bathroom, pleasant long rear garden with tarmac drive, driveway providing excellent rear parking with excellent further scope for storage of caravan/boat etc. or other uses (subject to planning permissions).

Offers around £115,000



BRIERLEY HILL SOUTH PARK MEWS

This superbly presented, much improved Modern 2 Bedroomed Ground Floor Apartment provides generously proportioned gas centrally heated and UPVC double glazed accommodation ideal for the professional couple or retired in this popular cul-de-sac. Available with NO UPWARD CHAIN the accommodation includes:- Hall, Spacious Lounge, Fitted Modern Kitchen with built in oven and hob, 2 Good Bedrooms, Spacious Fitted Bathroom with Shower, Small Rear Garden with pleasant views and sunny aspect

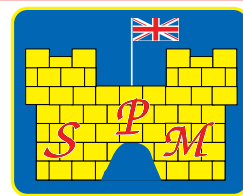
Offers around £84,995



BRIERLEY HILL DADFORD VIEW

This attractively presented modern 2 Bedroomed First Floor Flat is pleasantly positioned with landscaped views to the rear and provides skilfully proportioned double glazed accommodation ideal for the First Time Buyer or Investor. Briefly comprises:- Communal Entrance, Hall, stylish Lounge, Kitchen, 2 Bedrooms, Stylish Refitted Bathroom with Shower and allocated Parking Space.

Offers around £65,000



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KINGSWINFORD STREAM ROAD

£550 pcm
Semi Detached Cottage, Large Lounge, Large Kitchen, Utility, Store, Two Double Bedrooms, Bathroom with Shower, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Front & Rear Gardens, Off Road Parking



QUINTON MAYSWOOD GROVE

£675 pcm
Semi Detached Property, Lounge/Diner, Kitchen, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Front & Rear Gardens, Garage



NETHERTON SWAN STREET

£375 pcm
Ground Floor Flat, Lounge, Kitchen, One Bedroom, Bathroom, Cellar, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing



WOLLASTON KINGSWAY

£560 pcm
Semi Detached Property, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, Utility, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom with Shower, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Front & Rear Gardens, Unfurnished



BRIERLEY HILL WILLIAM STREET

£550 pcm
Terraced Property, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, Bathroom, Three Double Bedrooms, Unfurnished.



PENSNETT HIGH STREET

£650 pcm
Semi Detached Property, Lounge, Kitchen, Four Bedrooms, Bathroom, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Front & Rear Gardens, Off Road Parking, Single Garage



GREAT BRIDGE EAGLE PLACE

£370 pcm
Second Floor Flat, Lounge, Kitchen, One Bedroom, Bathroom, Electric Heating, Private Parking, Security Entrance.



BROCKMOOR CRESSETT LANE

£560 pcm
Detached Property, Lounge, Kitchen, Dining Room, Two Bedrooms, Bathroom with Shower, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Garage, Off Road Parking, Front and Rear Gardens, Unfurnished



TIPTON WOOD STREET

£575 pcm
BUNGALOW, Lounge, Kitchen, Two Bedrooms, Bathroom, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Unfurnished, Garden, Off Road Parking, Single Garage



LAKESIDE RANNOCH CLOSE

£825 pcm
Detached Bungalow, Lounge, Kitchen, Utility, Conservatory, Two Bedrooms, Bathroom, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Front, Side & Rear Gardens, Off Road Parking, Garage.



KINGSWINFORD MURDOCH DRIVE

£560 pcm
First Floor Flat, Entrance Hall, Lounge, Kitchen, Two Bedrooms, Bathroom, Double Glazing, Communal Gardens, Off Road Parking



TIVIDALE ASHTREE ROAD

£375 pcm
Ground Floor Maisonette, Lounge, kitchen, One Bedroom, Bathroom, Electric Heating, Communal Grounds, Unfurnished.



KINGSWINFORD RAGEES ROAD

£335 pcm
Purpose Built Studio, Entrance Hall, Lounge, Kitchen, Bedroom, Area, Shower Room, Unfurnished, Off Road Parking



DUDLEY MINEHEAD ROAD

£550 pcm
Semi Detached Property, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, Two Double Bedrooms, Bathroom, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Unfurnished, Front & Rear Gardens, Off Road Parking, Garage



PENSNETT CORBYNS HALL ROAD

£520 pcm
Semi Detached Property, Lounge, Kitchen/Diner, Two Bedrooms, Bathroom with Shower, Front & Rear Gardens, Gas Central Heating, Unfurnished



BRIERLEY HILL ADELAIDE STREET

£450 pcm
Terraced Property, Lounge, Dining Room, Refitted Kitchen, Ground Floor Bathroom, Three Bedrooms, Double Glazing, Unfurnished, Rear Garden



DUDLEY SALOP STREET

£385 pcm
Ground Floor Flat, Lounge, Kitchen, Bathroom with Shower, One Bedroom, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, DSS considered. No Pets.



UPPER GORNAL CLUB ROW

£525 pcm
Semi Detached Property, Lounge, Kitchen/Diner, WC, Two Bedrooms, Bathroom, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Unfurnished, Front & Rear Gardens, Off Road Parking



TIPTON SEDGLEY ROAD WEST

£425 pcm
First Floor Flat, Entrance, Lounge, Kitchen, Two Bedrooms, Bathroom, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Unfurnished, Available Immediately



DUDLEY BOURNE STREET

£395 pcm
First Floor Flat, Lounge, Kitchen, Two Bedrooms, Bathroom, Economy Seven Heating, Allocated Parking, Unfurnished, Communal Grounds



LYE HIGH STREET

£475 pcm
First Floor Flat, Lounge, Kitchen, Two Bedrooms, Shower Room, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Unfurnished, Available Immediately



WORDSLEY NEW STREET

£660 PCM
Townhouse, Lounge, Kitchen, Cloakroom, Three Bedrooms, En Suite Shower Room, Bathroom, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Off Road Parking



KINGSWINFORD STANDHILLS ROAD

£625 pcm
Terrace Property, Lounge, Kitchen, Dining Room, WC, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom, Front & Rear Gardens, Off Road Parking, Available Immediately.



BRIERLEY HILL WALLOWES ROAD

£540 pcm
Semi Detached Property, Lounge, Kitchen, Utility, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom, Unfurnished, Gas Central Heating, Front & Rear Gardens, Off Road Parking



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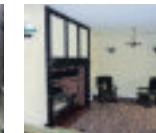
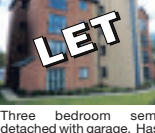
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Tivdale WENTWORTH DRIVE    A three bedroom detached house with hallway, downstairs wc, through lounge with dining area, fitted kitchen, garage, driveway and gardens to the front and rear £184,950	Dudley RICHBOROUGH DRIVE    An immaculately presented two bedroom end terraced house with lounge, dining kitchen, two parking spaces and excellent size gardens to the front and rear. £114,950	TIVIDALE Hoylake Drive   Located in this highly desirable location this three bedroom detached house briefly comprises of lounge, dining area, fitted kitchen, gardens to the front and rear, driveway and garage. £174,950	Tivdale DARBY'S HILL ROAD   A three bedroom detached house with hallway, lounge, dining room, further reception area, fitted kitchen, downstairs wc, gardens to the front and rear and driveway £179,950			
SEDGLEY Queens Road   A three bedroom detached house with hallway, lounge, dining room, fitted kitchen, driveway, gardens to the front and rear and garage. £169,950	Wall Heath CROSS STREET  A four bedroom detached house located in the heart of Wall Heath with hallway, lounge, dining room, fitted kitchen, gardens to the front and driveway to the front £204,950	Coseley PROVIDENCE ROW   A three bedroom semi detached house in need of some modernisation with hallway, kitchen, two reception rooms, upstairs bathroom, extensive garden to the rear and driveway to the front £89,950	BILSTON Millfields Road  A three bedroom semi detached house with hallway, lounge, large dining kitchen, conservatory, garden and garage to the rear £85,950	DUDLEY The Belper  A three bedroom detached house with hallway, lounge, fitted kitchen, downstairs wc and an enclosed garden and driveway to the front. £120,000		
LOWER GORNAL Fiveways Court  A three bedroom three storey detached house with hallway, lounge, dining room, fitted kitchen, downstairs wc, two bedrooms and bathroom on first floor and master bedroom on second floor. Secure entry system and allocated parking £129,950	WOMBOURNE Cranwell Green  A two bedroom semi detached house set in a cul de sac location with lounge, fitted kitchen, gardens to the front and rear and driveway to the side. £110,000	TIPTON Kingfisher Way  A two bedroom first floor apartment with hallway, open plan lounge and kitchen, allocated parking and secure entry system £64,950	LOWER GORNAL Fiveways Court  A beautifully presented three bedroom three storey mid terraced house which is available on 50% shared ownership basis. The property briefly comprises of hallway, lounge, fitted kitchen, downstairs wc, garden to the rear and secure allocated parking to the front £69,950	DUDLEY Himley Road  A two bedroom enchanting detached cottage with lounge and large kitchen and planning permission to extend the current house to include a double garage and two further bedrooms and bathroom over £150,000	DUDLEY Terry Street  A deceptively spacious three bedroom mid terraced house with hallway, lounge, dining room, kitchen, downstairs bathroom with separate wc and garden to the rear £100,000 Over	NETHERTON Griffin Street  A two bedroom detached house with lounge, dining room, cellar, kitchen, downstairs bathroom, and a good sized garden to the rear. Viewing is highly recommended £84,950
DUDLEY High Street   One apartment in a development of ten apartments over two floors on the High Street, central Dudley. Unfurnished, DSS considered. £375 PCM	COSELEY Castle Street   A modern, two bed first floor apartment. Open plan lounge/diner/fitted kitchen, shower/WC. Patio area to rear of flat. Unfurnished, available now for long term let. No DSS £395 PCM	TIPTON Tudor Court   Two bedroom ground floor flat. Lounge area, fitted kitchen with oven & free standing fridge. Bathroom with mixer shower. Economy 7 storage heaters. Unfurnished. No DSS £425 PCM	WALSALL Waterfront Way   A modern, second floor flat. Central Heating, Double Glazing. One Bedroom, fitted kitchen. Allocated parking. Unfurnished. No DSS. No Pets. £425 PCM	DUDLEY Norman Street   A two bedroom mid terrace, two reception rooms, fitted kitchen and bathroom on lower ground floor, garden to rear. Unfurnished, available for long term rental. DSS considered with guarantor, no pets. £450 PCM	DUDLEY Ruiton Street   A development of brand new one and two bed apartments in the popular Lower Gornal area, with secure off road parking. Having a lounge, fitted kitchen, bathroom. Unfurnished, no DSS, no pets. Available now. £465 PCM	DUDLEY Vicarage Prospect   An extended mid terrace house, two bedrooms and a further loft room. Two reception rooms, fitted breakfast kitchen. Central heating and double glazing. Available now. £475 PCM
DUDLEY London Heights   Three bedroom semi detached with garage. Has two reception rooms. Kitchen includes cooker and fridge freezer. Unfurnished. Dss considered with guarantor. No pets. £495 PCM	DUDLEY Ivanhoe Street   A three bed mid terrace property, 2 reception rooms, fitted kitchen, house bathroom with upstairs shower/WC. Unfurnished, available now for long term. Dss considered with guarantor. Pets also considered. £500 PCM	DUDLEY Attingham Drive   A modern two bed apartment, fitted kitchen/diner, lounge, two double bedrooms and a separate house bathroom/WC, allocated parking and communal gardens. Unfurnished. £500 PCM	LOWER GORNAL Ruiton Street   A development of one and two bed apartments in popular Lower Gornal area, lounge, fitted kitchen, bathroom/WC with shower. Two beds having en-suite to master. Secure parking. Unfurnished, no DSS, no pets. £525 PCM	BRIERLEY HILL Byrchen Moor Gardens   A modern two bed and terrace having a lounge, dining kitchen and conservatory on the ground floor. Alarmed, unfurnished, available now for long term. No DSS. No Pets £525 PCM	DUDLEY Ash Green   A three bed semi with two receptions, fitted kitchen, large utility room and downstairs WC. Upstairs family bathroom. Central heating. No Dss. No pets. £550 PCM	Eton close   A semi detached bungalow with spacious lounge, fitted kitchen, utility room and conservatory. Single garage, rear gardens and off road parking. Unfurnished, available now Dss considered with guarantor. No pets. £595 PCM
BRIERLEY HILL Brettell Lane   Three bed semi-detached house. Lounge, open plan dining kitchen, upstairs bathroom/WC with shower over the bath. Off street parking, decking area and lawn to the rear. Unfurnished, available now. £575 PCM	DUDLEY Ardley Close   Completely refurbished three bedroom end terrace. Open plan lounge, fitted kitchen/diner, downstairs wc, oven/hob, downstairs wc. Enclosed garden. Parking to front. No Dss. No pets. Available now to view now. £595 PCM	DUDLEY Greenhill Road   Three bedroom semi detached house. Lounge and kitchen/diner. Utility area and downstairs toilet. Possible 4th bedroom / office on the ground floor. Driveway. No Dss. Unfurnished. Available now to view. £625 PCM	OLDBURY Hodges Drive   A three bed detached house with garage and driveway. Lounge, fitted kitchen with dining and utility area off. Downstairs WC, house bathroom, master bed en-suite shower/WC. Rear garden. Available to view now. £675 PCM	NETHERTON Oak Street   A three bed detached house dining/kitchen, lounge to rear, utility room, downstairs WC. Three good sized bedrooms, master with en-suite, house bathroom/WC. Unfurnished, available now for long term. £675 PCM	DUDLEY St Marks Road   Three bedroom detached house, open plan lounge/dining room, fitted kitchen, three good size bedrooms with master having en-suite. Unfurnished. No Dss. No pets. Available to view now. £675 PCM	BRIERLEY HILL Terrace Street   Detached, five bedroom family home with integral garage. Large reception hall, fully fitted kitchen with appliances, lounge, dining room and downstairs WC. NO PETS. Do DSS. No smokers. Unfurnished, available soon. £875 PCM

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NEW

3 Bed

St Peters Road,
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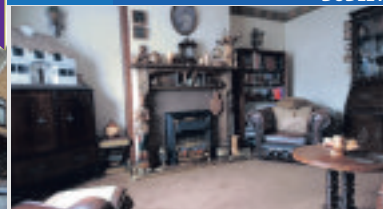
A good sized three bedroom detached property comprising two reception rooms, large kitchen, three well proportioned bedrooms, bathroom, rear garden, garage, double glazing and gas central heating. Viewing recommended to appreciate the accommodation on offer.

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£154,950

NEW

3 Bed

Bridgewater Crescent,
DUDLEY

A well presented three bedroom family home in a popular and convenient estate. The gas centrally heated and double glazed accommodation briefly comprises; lounge, dining kitchen, utility room, downstairs bathroom, three bedrooms and a w.c. on the first floor. There is a driveway to the front of the property and to the rear is a pretty garden. A viewing is highly recommended to fully appreciate the accommodation on offer.

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Offers Around
£99,995

NEW

3 Bed

Stoney Lane,
NETHERTON

This 3 bed semi detached property conveniently located to local amenities and the Merry Hill shopping centre is in need of some cosmetic improvement but nevertheless represents an excellent opportunity. Benefitting from a large rear garden, good sized out house and being available with no upward chain, an early viewing is highly recommended.

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Offers Around
£104,950

NEW PRICE

2 Bed

Bean Road,
DUDLEY

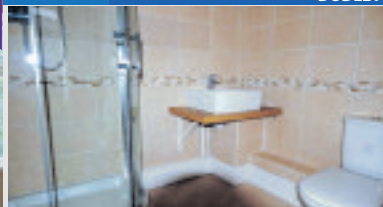
This lovely two bedroom ground floor flat which would make a great first time purchase or may suit someone wishing to downsize to life on one level. Unusually for a flat this well presented property has a private garden, and a detached double width garage/workshop may be available by separate negotiation. The main bedroom also has a useful area that could be suited to a study space or a dressing area.

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Offers In Region Of
£64,995

NEW PRICE

2 Bed

Bean Road,
DUDLEY

This lovely first floor two bedroom apartment which is only a short distance from Dudley and therefore has good transport links to the nearby Merry Hill and Russells Hall Hospital. An ideal buy to let investment as the property has only recently been converted and is finished to a high standard. An annual rental yield in the region of 7.5% may be achievable. Detached double width garage/workshop possibly available by separate negotiation

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NEW PRICE

1 Bed

Bean Road,
DUDLEY

Part of this recently converted building, Flat 3 is finished to a high standard and has one bedroom, study area, open plan lounge and kitchen and a well appointed and stylish shower room. This property would make a great purchase for either a first time buyer or buy to let investor, with potential rental yield in the region of 7%. Double width garage/workshop may be available by separate negotiation

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2 Bed

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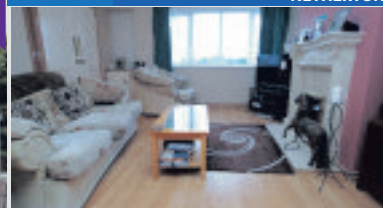
What a beautiful house! Lovingly improved by its current owners there are far to many plus points to mention in one advert. The property is entered through the spacious hall which leads through to both the lounge with its multi-fuel contemporary stove and the fitted kitchen with dining area. The garage has been converted to provide a utility room and a workshop. On the first floor are two double bedrooms and a great house bathroom. An internal inspection is essential to fully appreciate this wonderful home. Call now to arrange your personal inspection.

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Near Offers Considered
£119,950

NEW PRICE

3 Bed

Bratch Close,
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A spacious family home situated in this popular quiet cul-de-sac location has well presented accommodation comprising of an entrance porch, hallway, lounge, dining room, kitchen, three bedrooms and bathroom. The property also has off road parking for a number of vehicles and a garage as well as an attractive private rear garden. Viewing highly recommended. NO UPWARD CHAIN.

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Forming part of this exciting new development by Persimmon Homes, this MOST DECEPTIVE AND DISTINCTIVE THREE STOREY DETACHED FAMILY HOME offers a fantastic SIX BEDROOM layout, all of which is BEAUTIFULLY APPOINTED and 'EXCEPTIONALLY SPACIOUS' throughout with remainder of the 10 YEAR NHBC WARRANTY, comprising: reception hall, guests cloakroom/w.c., utility, 21' x LOUNGE, separate formal dining room, fitted kitchen with built in appliances, SIX EXCELLENT BEDROOMS, two en suites, study, house bathroom, GAS CENTRAL HEATING and UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING. Further enhanced by the front garden, DRIVEWAY, GARAGE and a WELL MAINTAINED REAR GARDEN with patio and lawns beyond. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

£284,950**WORDSLEY****Dowells Gardens**

A SUCCESSFULLY EXTENDED & VERY DECEPTIVE MODERN DETACHED FAMILY HOME located within a sought after cul-de-sac, close to excellent schooling, providing a LARGE LAYOUT of accommodation including GAS CENTRAL HEATING, UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING, comprising: Extended Hall with Guests Cloakroom/WC off, huge full width 20' Lounge, full width Conservatory/Garden Room, extended Breakfast Kitchen, FOUR LARGE BEDROOMS and BATHROOM. LARGE DRIVEWAY approach, GARAGE and a sunny landscaped rear garden. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777.

£204,950**SEDGLEY****Dumbleberry Avenue, Brownswall Estate**

This substantially extended, traditional, uPVC double glazed & gas centrally heated semi detached provides truly versatile family living space & is situated on the popular Brownswall Estate. The considerably enlarged property has the potential to be sub-divided to create a separate granny annexe/tenage apartment & briefly comprises entrance porch, hall, through lounge, kitchen, dining room, guest w.c., five excellent bedrooms (bedrooms 4/5 with separate stairs/entrance), family bathroom with white suite, garage, block paved driveway & a well stocked rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £194,950**KINGSWINFORD****The Knoll**

A BEAUTIFULLY PRESENTED TRADITIONAL BAY FRONTED SEMI-DETACHED FAMILY HOME, very pleasantly located within this sought after address, offering WELL MAINTAINED and INCREDIBLY SPACIOUS accommodation, including GAS CENTRAL HEATING, UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING and comprising: entrance porch, reception hall, lounge, separate dining room, refitted kitchen, rear hall, utility room, garden room, side hallway, THREE GOOD SIZED BEDROOMS and classic white bathroom. With lawned foreground, TARMAC DRIVEWAY, LARGE GARAGE and attractively landscaped low maintenance rear garden which enjoys an OPEN REAR ASPECT. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

£179,950**KINGSWINFORD****Barnett Lane**

Superbly located within one of Kingswinford's most sought after addresses and well placed for the area's excellent local schooling, this SUCCESSFULLY EXTENDED, MODERN SEMI-DETACHED FAMILY HOME requires some updating but offers much potential to enhance the GENEROUSLY PROPORTIONED accommodation, including GAS CENTRAL HEATING, DOUBLE GLAZING and comprising: Reception Hall, large extended lounge, separate formal Dining Room, fitted Kitchen, THREE GOOD SIZE BEDROOMS and Bathroom. With attractive lawned foreground, LONG DRIVEWAY, CARPORT, GARAGE and BEAUTIFULLY LAID OUT REAR GARDEN which enjoys an OPEN REAR ASPECT. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

£169,950**KINGSWINFORD****No Upward Chain****Cheiford Crescent**

BACKING ONTO ESTABLISHED TREES within this very popular address upon High Acres, this SUCCESSFULLY EXTENDED AND ATTRACTIVELY IMPROVED, MODERN SEMI-DETACHED FAMILY HOME offers GENEROUSLY PROPORTIONED and BEAUTIFULLY PRESENTED accommodation including GAS CENTRAL HEATING, UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING and comprising: Large Entrance Porch, Reception Hall, spacious full width Lounge, extended and attractively refitted Dining Kitchen, Three good sized Bedrooms and refitted Bathroom. With front garden and DRIVEWAY to the fore and enjoying a PLEASANTLY SECLUDED GARDEN to the rear. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

£147,950**WORDSLEY****Arundel Road**

Pleasantly located upon the highly sought after Ashwood Park/Forest Lawns development, this SUCCESSFULLY EXTENDED, MODERN SEMI-DETACHED FAMILY HOME offers SPACIOUS and WELL PROPORTIONED accommodation including GAS CENTRAL HEATING, UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING and comprises: Reception Hall, spacious full-depth Lounge-with-Dining Area, fitted Kitchen, separate Utility Room, THREE BEDROOMS and classic white Bathroom. With attractive foregardens, BLOCK PAVED STYLE DRIVEWAY, GARAGE and BEAUTIFULLY LAID OUT SIDE/REAR GARDEN with GREENHOUSE, patios and most attractively stocked shrub areas. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

£146,500**COSELEY****Denise Drive**

TREMENDOUS POTENTIAL - A comparatively spacious, freehold, gas centrally heated & double glazed semi detached for modernisation set virtually at head of favoured cul de sac in well regarded district convenient for so many amenities. Accommodation provides reception hall, lounge with bay, dining room with patio doors, kitchen, outer lobby, store. Three bedrooms (potential to further enlarge third bedroom into eaves), bathroom, separate toilet, integral garage, secluded rear garden (in need of attention). SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £129,950**WORDSLEY****Manor Road**

A BRAND NEW, INDIVIDUALLY ARCHITECT DESIGNED DETACHED HOUSE, which enjoys a superb corner spot, within a popular & convenient location, offering a HIGH SPECIFICATION layout of SPACIOUS accommodation, comprising: Reception Hall, Ground Floor WC, Large Lounge, Luxury Dining Kitchen with appliances, TWO GOOD BEDROOMS and luxury Bathroom. GAS CENTRAL HEATING, UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING plus HIGH SPEC. INSULATION, TWO CAR DRIVE/ PARKING, Side & Rear Gardens. Completion December 2012. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE: 01384 401777.

£123,750**WORDSLEY****£10,000 REDUCTION****Horsham Avenue**

Delightfully located within this premier address, this DISTINCTIVE AND SUCCESSFULLY EXTENDED, MUCKLOW FOUR BEDROOM DORMER STYLE DETACHED FAMILY HOME affords much IMPROVED and VERSATILE accommodation, including GAS CENTRAL HEATING, DOUBLE GLAZING and comprising: reception hall, lounge with rear bay, dining room, extended breakfast kitchen, FOUR BEDROOMS (one ground floor) and TWO REFITTED SHOWER ROOMS (one ground floor). Having DRIVEWAY, CARPORT, GARAGE and WORKSHOP together with ATTRACTIVE LOW MAINTENANCE GARDEN. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

£275,000**SEDGLEY****NEW PRICE****High Park Crescent**

A tremendously ENLARGED/EXTENDED, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed detached family residence in highly favoured district that has been 'transformed' by present vendors in recent years. Outstanding accommodation includes reception hall, fitted cloakroom, further store, lounge with bay and 'hole in the wall' feature fireplace, magnificent 27ft. transverse 'hub of the house' dining kitchen with a fine range of units & a brick/uPVC double glazed CONSERVATORY off. To the first floor are four generous bedrooms (two with a wide range of fitted units), stylish reapointed bathroom with white suite. Staircase up to a further playroom/office/potential bedroom. Garage, delightful secluded garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £252,500**WOODSETTON****Bosworth Close, 'The Poplars'**

Enviably situated upon FINE CORNER PLOT, a meticulously maintained, freehold, UPVC DOUBLE GLAZED, gas centrally heated (combi boiler) detached family home comprising double glazed porch, imposing reception hall, reapointed cloakroom with white suite, elegant 18ft lounge with bay, separate dining room, brick/uPVC double glazed CONSERVATORY, refitted kitchen with a fine range of 'satin white' units & various integrated appliances, refitted laundry/utility room. FOUR BEDROOMS (principal bedroom with reapointed shower room en suite), reapointed bathroom with stylish white suite, DOUBLE GARAGE, security systems, delightful secluded gardens, block paved driveway. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £249,950**KINGSWINFORD****£10,000 REDUCTION****Southern Close**

Superbly located upon this highly sought after modern development, approached off Auckland Road, this SUBSTANTIAL AND EXCEPTIONALLY SPACIOUS, MODERN DETACHED FAMILY HOME offers GENEROUSLY PROPORTIONED and ATTRACTIVELY APPOINTED accommodation including GAS CENTRAL HEATING, DOUBLE GLAZING and comprising: Reception Hall, ground floor WC, spacious large Lounge, separate Dining Room, attractively refitted Kitchen with appliances, Utility Room, FOUR LARGE BEDROOMS (Bedrooms 1 and 2 with SHARED EN-SUITE) and House Bathroom. With BLOCK PAVED DRIVEWAY, GARAGE and pleasantly laid out rear garden with patios/lawn and enjoying a PRIVATE REAR ASPECT. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

£229,950**TIPTON/WOODSETTON BORDER****Benbeck Grove**

A distinctive, tremendously upgraded & conscientiously maintained, freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed detached bungalow enviably situated at head of quiet convenient cul de sac. Accommodation includes entrance hallway, reapointed cloakroom, elegant 19'8" lounge, inner hallway, enlarged/refitted breakfast kitchen with a fine range of units & various integrated appliances, two bedrooms (both with professionally installed range of fitted units), stylish tiled shower room, transverse brick/uPVC double glazed CONSERVATORY, garage (with utility section), secluded rear garden, dropped paved foregarden/driveway with double wrought iron gates. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £199,950**DUDLEY****NEW PRICE****Ripley Grove**

Recently built, exceptionally stylish (former showhome), gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed detached occupying fine corner plot & covered by remainder of NHBC. Accommodation provides imposing reception hall with spacious fitted cloakroom, through lounge (with double french doors out to garden), good size dining kitchen acting as 'hub of the house' with a fine range of units with many integrated appliances, FOUR BEDROOMS (principal bedroom with built in wardrobes & shower room en suite - built in wardrobes to second bedroom), bathroom with white suite, landscaped garden & brick GARAGE to side. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £196,500**KINGSWINFORD****£5,000 REDUCTION****Mayfair Drive**

Exceptionally well placed upon Valleyfields, just a short distance from the heart of Kingswinford, this SUCCESSFULLY EXTENDED, MODERN DETACHED HOUSE offers an ENLARGED and VERSATILE LAYOUT of accommodation, including GAS CENTRAL HEATING, DOUBLE GLAZING and comprising: entrance hall, reception hall, lounge, separate dining room / bedroom 3, fitted dining kitchen with integrated appliances, bathroom and TWO GOOD SIZED FIRST FLOOR BEDROOMS, with the master having an EN-SUITE SHOWER ROOM. With DRIVEWAY to the fore, GARAGE and a pleasant low maintenance rear garden. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

£169,950**COSELEY****Flowerdale Close**

A meticulously maintained, tremendously enhanced, Freehold, uPVC DOUBLE GLAZED & gas centrally heated (combi boiler) detached in short cul-de-sac just off Berrington Drive. The superb accommodation provides: entrance hallway, fitted cloakroom, elegant lounge, dining room, brick/uPVC double glazed CONSERVATORY, refitted kitchen with a fine range of 'beech' effect units, and various integrated appliances, pantry. Three bedrooms, reapointed bathroom with a white suite. Garage, landscaped/secluded rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £164,950**SEDGLEY****Brownswall Road**

A SIGNIFICANTLY EXTENDED, comparatively spacious, freehold, gas centrally heated & double glazed semi detached in favoured district. Accommodation includes entrance porch, hall, 19'5" lounge, dining room, extended 18'10" breakfast kitchen, pantry, THREE DOUBLE BEDROOMS (largest bedroom 19'4" x 12'4" max), bathroom, large 20ft. garage, delightful secluded rear garden considerable potential. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £149,950**WOODSETTON****Brook Street**

An attractive, modernised & conscientiously maintained, freehold, uPVC DOUBLE GLAZED, gas centrally heated semi detached in well regarded district. Delightful accommodation includes entrance porch, reception hall, fitted cloakroom, sitting room with bay, dining room, kitchen, three bedrooms, tiled shower room (formerly bathroom), lengthy (24'10") garage, garden with good distant views. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

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WOODSETTON**Bermuda Close**

A conscientiously maintained, gas centrally heated (combi boiler) & uPVC double glazed semi detached in short/convenient cul de sac comprising entrance vestibule, reception hall, kitchen & walk through store/rear lobby beyond, transverse lounge, large P-shape brick/uPVC double glazed CONSERVATORY, three generous bedrooms (two with wardrobes), bathroom, garage, slabbed garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

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COSELEY**Catherine Road, Hurst Hill**

This beautifully presented, much improved, uPVC double glazed & gas centrally heated semi detached home has been conscientiously maintained by the present owners and simply must be viewed to fully appreciate the standard of accommodation provided. The property briefly comprises entrance porch, hall, refitted kitchen with a fine range of units & integrated appliances, transverse lounge, splendid 'P-shaped' CONSERVATORY addition, utility, three good bedrooms, bathroom with corner suite, block paved driveway, lengthy garage & a lovely rear garden with south facing aspect. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £139,950

DUDLEY**Cardoness Place**

An exceptionally well presented & extremely stylish, Freehold, uPVC DOUBLE GLAZED, and gas centrally heated semi detached upon fine corner plot with GOOD DISTANT VIEWS. Superb accommodation includes; entrance hallway, excellent lounge, dining room (with double opening French doors out to the garden), upgraded kitchen with "light beech" effect units & various integrated appliances, store. THREE BEDROOMS, reappointed bathroom with a stylish white suite. Large garden shed, potential garage space, gardens. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £138,000

COSELEY**Acacia Drive, Bramford Estate**

A modernised, conscientiously maintained, Freehold, gas centrally heated (combi boiler), and uPVC double glazed semi detached in cul-de-sac within walking distance of so many amenities. Accommodation includes; reception hall, lounge with bay, dining room with patio doors, pantry, kitchen. Three bedrooms, recently reappointed bathroom with a stylish white suite. Extensive block paved parking, and large CONTRACTORS GARAGE (15'10" x 11'8") to the rear, garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £128,950

WOODSETTON**Oakfield Avenue, Bramford Estate**

An attractive, ENLARGED, freehold, UPVC DOUBLE GLAZED & gas centrally heated semi detached in short/quiet cul de sac requiring a little sympathetic updating. Accommodation provides entrance porch, reception hall, lounge with 'living flame' feature fireplace & a bay, sitting room, kitchen, 'wet/shower room'. Three bedrooms, bathroom, outer store, neat garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £121,500

LOWER GORNAL**Central Drive**

Stylish, tremendously enhanced, freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed semi detached comprising reception hall, lounge, dining room, refitted kitchen with a fine range of units, three bedrooms, reappointed bathroom with white suite, off road parking (kerb dropped) & lengthy SECLUDED REAR GARDEN with lawns & decking. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £115,000

DUDLEY**Pearce Close**

Rarely available to purchase and appealing to first time buyers/ young family is this well presented modern styled 3 bedroomed semi detached property which simply must be viewed and comprises, hall, kitchen, lounge, 3 first floor bedrooms, modern bathroom, garden to front and rear, allocated parking, must be seen. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

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UPPER GORNAL**Vale Street**

This Victorian style, uPVC double glazed & gas centrally heated mid terrace is beautifully presented throughout & may particularly appeal to first time buyers. Accommodation briefly comprises lounge, dining room, kitchen, bathroom with white suite, two double bedrooms & a low maintenance rear garden SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

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SEDGLEY**High Holborn**

RARE OPPORTUNITY - SIGNIFICANT POTENTIAL! Particularly spacious, freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed intermediate terrace of character with rare advantage of VEHICULAR ACCESS from Gate Street. Modernised in the past but requiring further upgrading, the house includes imposing reception hall, sitting room, lounge, cellar, kitchen, shower/utility room, separate toilet (NB: extensive first floor space above kitchen/utility unused), three double bedrooms, garden, parking space. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

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LOWER GORNAL**Bank Road**

A delightful, most attractive & conveniently situated, traditional, gas centrally heated & mostly uPVC double glazed terraced 'starter home' within walking distance of the village & all amenities. Significantly enhanced accommodation includes sitting room with 'oak strip' floor, refitted breakfast kitchen with a fine range of 'high gloss white' effect units & integrated appliances, useful cellar, two bedrooms, reappointed bathroom with white suite. Expertly tended, sheltered rear garden with a wide range of shrubs & plants. Internal inspection vital for total appreciation. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £105,950

UPPER GORNAL**Quarry Brow**

A particularly stylish, tremendously modernised & improved, freehold, gas centrally heated (combi boiler) & uPVC double glazed semi detached with GOOD DISTANT VIEWS having rare advantage of wider than average potential driveway to side. Accommodation includes entrance hallway, lounge, upgraded dining kitchen, walk-in store, lobby, separate toilet. Two double bedrooms (one with walk-in store), spacious re-appointed bathroom with white suite, pressed concrete driveway/rear terrace, fenced garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

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COSELEY**NEW PRICE****Dimmocks Avenue**

A conscientiously maintained, gas centrally heated (combi boiler) & UPVC DOUBLE GLAZED semi detached with further potential set in well regarded/convenient district. Accommodation provides entrance porch, reception hall, pantry, lounge with bay, dining room (with double french doors out to garden), kitchen, three bedrooms (two with fitted units), tiled bathroom, neat gardens. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

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BRIERLEY HILL**Wallows Road**

A LARGE TRADITIONAL 4 BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED FAMILY HOME well placed within a popular location, offering a SPACIOUS layout which requires some updating, including GAS CENTRAL HEATING, REPLACEMENT UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING, comprising: Entrance Porch, Reception Hall, Large Lounge, Breakfast Kitchen, Ground Floor WC, Bathroom & FOUR GOOD BEDROOMS. Set beyond a large frontage including garden, DRIVEWAY/ PARKING, SUBSTANTIAL DETACHED GARAGE & a sunny rear garden. NO UPWARD CHAIN. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

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LOWER GORNAL**Barr Street**

VENDORS ADVISE NO UPWARD CHAIN. An attractive, significantly MODERNISED & upgraded, freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed intermediate terrace of character in well regarded neighbourhood convenient for all amenities in the village & country park. Delightful accommodation includes lounge, breakfast kitchen with integrated oven, hob & filter, two good sized bedrooms (both with wardrobes), recently reappointed bathroom with white suite, secluded rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

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NO UPWARD CHAIN. A significantly MODERNISED & much enhanced, freehold, gas centrally heated & UPVC DOUBLE GLAZED intermediate terrace in a convenient/established district. Stylish accommodation includes lounge, dining room, upgraded kitchen. To the first floor are double & single bedrooms together with reappointed bathroom with white/shower, "low maintenance" (decking) garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

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**£75,000**

A three bedroom semi-detached house in need of updating with accommodation comprising: Entrance hall, lounge, kitchen, ground floor bathroom, three bedrooms and front & rear gardens.

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End terrace three bedroom property briefly comprising entrance hall, lounge, kitchen, downstairs bathroom and rear garden.

Langley Avenue, Bilston

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- Downstairs cloakroom
- Three bedrooms
- Luxuriously appointed bathroom
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OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £194,950

COSELEY



IVYHOUSE LANE

- A beautifully presented link detached
- Two reception rooms and conservatory
- Modern extended dining kitchen, utility
- Guest cloakroom • Modern bathroom
- Four bedrooms, two with fitted furniture
- Block paved driveway, parking 3/4 cars
- Garage • Private rear garden
- Viewing highly recommended

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £169,950

LOWER GORNAL



WALLOWS WOOD

- A traditional 3 bed bay fronted semi
- Desirable location - open aspect to rear
- Open plan lounge and dining room
- Extended modern kitchen
- Upvc double glazing
- Gas central heating
- Garage with utility area
- Private rear gardens, sunny aspect

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £164,950

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FARRINGTON ROAD

- A well presented "Muklow" style semi
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- Breakfast Kitchen • Cloakroom
- Three good sized bedrooms
- Modern bathroom
- Open views from 1st floor
- Garage & driveway
- NO UPWARD CHAIN

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £162,500

DUDLEY



THE BROADWAY

- An extended traditional style three bed semi
- Downstairs playroom/Bedroom 4
- Open plan Lounge/dining room
- Enlarged modern kitchen
- Utility area, downstairs wc
- Generous sized rear garden
- Garage

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £162,500

COSELEY



BRIDGEWATER DRIVE

- An extended detached family home
- Modern breakfast kitchen
- Lounge & conservatory
- Four good size bedrooms
- En-suite to master bedroom
- Garage with utility facilities
- Off road parking

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £159,950

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- Attractively presented three bed semi
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- Modern bathroom
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OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £157,950

LOWER GORNAL



WINSARCROFT

- Modern style semi-detached
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- Three bedrooms, ensuite to master
- Garage
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LANGLEY AVENUE

- A generous size 3 bed detached
- Extended and enhanced throughout
- Lounge and dining room
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- Garage and driveway parking
- Viewing highly recommended

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £157,500

WOODSETTON



PARKES HALL ROAD

- DETACHED 3 bed semi
- Enhanced throughout
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- Extended breakfast kitchen
- Upvc double glazed windows
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- Garage & driveway

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £144,950

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OLD PARK ROAD

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NEW PRICE £144,950

COSELEY



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COSELEY



PAINTERS CROFT

- Modern style three bedroom semi
- Quiet cul-de-sac location
- Two reception rooms
- Upvc double glazing
- Gas central heating
- Pleasant landscaped rear garden
- Driveway parking

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £119,500

COSELEY



LEGGE LANE

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- Two reception rooms
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- Well presented traditional style semi
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- Rear sitting room with open plan dining area
- Three good sized bedrooms
- Most delightful rear gardens
- Off road parking

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £115,000

COSELEY



GOLDBOROUGH CLOSE

- A modern 3 BED semi
- Built approx 10 years ago,
- Quiet cul-de-sac location
- Modern Kitchen • Guest cloakroom
- Excellent size lounge with patio doors to private garden
- Off road parking
- NO UPWARD CHAIN

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UPPER GORNAL



INHEDGE STREET

- Beautifully appointed mid-terrace cottage
- Two double bedrooms
- Modern sized lounge
- Modern dining kitchen
- Gas central heating
- Upvc double glazed windows.
- Utility room and store
- Low maintenance rear courtyard

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £105,000

COSELEY



YEW TREE LANE

- A traditional 3 Bed bay fronted semi
- Walking distance to Coseley station
- Lounge and dining room
- Upvc double glazing
- Gas central heating
- Double width garage.
- NO UPWARD CHAIN

NEW PRICE £105,000

SEDGLEY



THE WYND

- A traditional style 4 bed mid terrace
- Walking distance to Sedgley Centre
- In need of updating
- Gas central heating • Double glazing
- Off road parking
- Private rear garden
- No Upward Chain

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £105,000

SEDGLEY



NORTH ONE MEWS

- Stylish penthouse apartment
- Amazing views over Penn Common
- Lounge and dining area
- Bedroom with fitted wardrobes
- Upvc double glazing
- Gas central heating
- Allocated parking
- NO UPWARD CHAIN

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £99,950

WOODCROSS, COSELEY



SHERWIN AVENUE

- Quiet cul-de-sac location
- Traditional style three bed semi.
- Refurbished throughout
- Lounge • Dining kitchen
- Downstairs wc
- Upvc double glazed windows
- Gas central heating
- No upward chain

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £99,950

SEDGLEY



NORTH SPRINGFIELD

- A 4 bedroom terraced property
- Close to Sedgley Village centre
- Lounge • Dining kitchen
- Downstairs wc and store room
- Off road parking
- Attractive rear gardens with view of the Beacon
- No Upward Chain.

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £99,950

COSELEY



GALBRAITH CLOSE

- A well maintained 3 bed semi
- Quiet cul-de-sac location
- Lounge • Dining kitchen
- Rear lobby, downstairs wc.
- Gas central heating
- Upvc double glazing
- Extensive rear gardens
- No Upward Chain

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £94,950

COSELEY



VICARAGE ROAD

- Excellent sized 2 bed semi
- Some cosmetic updating required
- Dining kitchen and lounge
- Two store rooms
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- Gas central Heating
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- Modern upstairs bathroom
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- Upvc double glazed windows

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COSELEY



AVENUE ROAD

- Extended two bedroom cottage
- Requires modernisation
- Two reception rooms
- Kitchen • Downstairs bathroom
- Outside store
- Off road parking
- NO UPWARD CHAIN

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £57,500

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Kermit the Fabia, it's no Muppet on roads



The Skoda Fabia vRS aka Kermit, certainly stands out in the car park

KERMIT, as he is now affectionately called, has been a busy, er, bee recently.

From pounding the nation's motorways to being on a speeding train under the Channel, 'my' Fabia vRS has rarely had the opportunity to stand still.

To say that the time spent recently with Skoda's green machine has been fast paced is something of an understatement.

With its modest 178bhp, the Fabia vRS might no longer be regarded as a genuine hot hatch – that bar has been raised to dizzying heights of late – but there's nothing slow about this car.

That much I know from the many brisk weekend cross-country drives I've undertaken in the Fabia.

In the dry it's deceptively quick – the drivers of cars I've overtaken will no doubt confirm that. Crucially, though, you can do it safely and swiftly.

The ample power reserves and the engine's clever super and turbocharging technology are key to getting the job done with the minimum of fuss. There's no time-zapping lag to worry about, just press (hard) and go. Praise must also be heaped on the Fabia's direct shift gearbox (DSG), which is

standard fit on the vRS. DSG transmissions are now a familiar sight, and their superior efficiency can do wonders for fuel economy. Or, in the Fabia's case, they can deliver rapid shifts without the hesitation and jerkiness of a conventional slushbox or the ham-fisted efforts of a human.

That said, after a few thousand miles the 'box does have its quirks.

Paddles

For genuinely quick driving, it's still better to take the DIY approach, and with the handily placed paddles behind the steering wheel, you can do just that.

Changes are still fast, but it pays dividends to change down before a corner as the car's brain will often do it afterwards and leave you in a higher gear than desired as you make the turn.

And for all the Fabia's speediness, it pays to be patient around town.

The common rolling start from slow speeds at junctions and roundabouts can fool the gearbox into changing down to first when, in reality, second gear would do.

I've learnt to pause for a fraction of a second before hitting the accelerator as the alternative is an occasional

clunk from the gearbox as it hurriedly downshifts and a decidedly un-Skoda-like jerky departure.

Still, for someone who used to be anti-auto, I'm becoming a convert. Around town at least, two pedals are definitely better than three.

So, in spite of the car's foibles, is the Fabia vRS hot or not?

In real terms very much so. And that was a point proved by a whistle-stop trip to Belgium to watch some top-class rallying.

Skoda's Intercontinental Rally Challenge campaign has been a cornerstone of its activities for some time now, and with the UK arm having won the title in 2011, it was only fair that Kermit should feel like one of the family. A sprint to the Channel Tunnel and then another one to Ypres proved entertaining and reasonably frugal.

Being a bloke, I tend to pack light, but with the threat of rain and the prospect of standing in numerous farmers' fields for two days, the Fabia's boot was stuffed with coats, boots and the usual safety kit to keep me legal when on the road.

It's at times like this when I can feel smug about choosing the estate over the hatchback. Size-wise the Fabia is

no Superb, but its boot swallows an awful lot of stuff. The folding divider that doubles as the false boot floor is a clever idea as it stops your cargo from rolling around. Plus, the little rubber handle on the tailgate makes closing it a breeze – and keeps your hands clean.

In the end, Skoda UK's man didn't win but another Fabia did, so it was still trebles all round for the Czech firm at the end of two fun days of spec-tating. The experience also confirmed that there's a lot of love for the brand in the rallying community.

Sure, they're dominating at the moment, but having spotted numerous Fabias – it helped that a few were green like mine – lining the roads it's clear that support is strong. And so far I count myself as one of those impressed by the brand and its cars.

The Fabia vRS is always going to be a left-field choice and is hardly representative of the many more sensible Skodas chosen every day.

However, despite now being very much a mainstream car maker, the vRS sub-brand illustrates Skoda's mischievous personality is alive and well and not just reserved for its adverts.

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Both models have a top speed in excess of 135mph and can achieve 0-60mph in under eight seconds. The boost in performance does not compromise economy either, with low CO2 emissions of 134g/km and a combined 55.4mpg. Both models have Start/Stop technology. Twin turbo technology is

rare in this class and the Astra uses a sequential turbocharging system, with the smaller turbo accelerating quickly at lower speeds to eliminate 'lag', providing 320Nm of torque from 1,250rpm. In the mid-range of rpm, both turbochargers operate together, with the larger turbocharger pre-compressing the intake air, before it is fully compressed in the smaller one.

A bypass valve is controlled continuously to pass on part of the exhaust gases to the larger turbo. As a result, the driver still enjoys smooth acceleration. At higher rpm (from around 3,000rpm) all the gases flow directly to the larger turbocharger, maintaining the fluid power delivery at higher speeds. Built at Vauxhall's Ellesmere Port plant in Cheshire, the new deriva-

tives benefit from the recent styling refresh that can be found across the Astra range.

The aggressive new look includes a revised front grille, new front indicators and fog lamps, and refreshed rear-panel styling. Both BiTurbo models come with an array of unique features including 18" alloy wheels, twin rear exhausts, exterior styling pack and alloy sports pedals.

Available to order tomorrow, with first deliveries expected late 2012, prices start from £24,095 for the Hatch and from £25,110 for the Sports Tourer. As with all Vauxhall passenger cars, Lifetime Warranty is standard, giving first owners the peace of mind of a warranty that lasts the car's lifetime, up to a maximum 100,000 miles.



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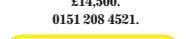


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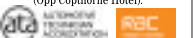
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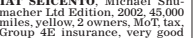
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Beacon are given boost by teenagers

TEENAGERS James Fildes and Nathan Howell led the way as Beacon's first team boosted their hopes of a top three finish in the Staffs Clubs Championship.

Fildes, 18, grabbed his first senior five-wicket haul to help dismiss struggling Springvale for 92.

Opener Howell, 17, then blazed a quick-fire half-century to see Beacon home inside 17 overs, although they lost six wickets.

Beacon's seconds picked up a winning draw in a rain-affected home clash with Springvale.

Tales from The Bratch

Harry Hodgetts and Chris Burns bagged two wickets each as Springvale posted 178-6 from their 50 overs.

Beacon were 84-3 from 20 overs when the rain brought an early end to proceedings.

Youngster Zak Smith shone with the ball a week after scoring his maiden century as the third XI beat Wolverhampton by 95 runs.

The 13-year-old bagged 5-23 with his off spin as Wolves were dismissed for 72.

Steve Shettlewood provided sterling support with 3-11 from 10 overs.

Jon Forster had earlier top-scored with 59 in Beacon's 167.

Beacon's Sunday seconds slipped to a home reverse against Worcester Dominies in the Worcestershire Sunday League.

Ant Hartwell took 3-28 and Ed Stevenson and Smith picked up two wickets each as Dominies posted a challenging 205-8 from 35 overs.

Tom Elwell top-scored with 52 and 13-year-old Billy Cox made 23 as Beacon finished on 167-9 in reply.

Fullwell lands a date with Jones

STOURBRIDGE'S Nick Fullwell faces an all-West Midlands clash with Wolverhampton's Wayne Jones in Germany on the PDC European tour next month.

The 43-year-old has been paired with Jones in the first round of the tournament – which boasts £82,100 prize money – in Stuttgart on September 7, after Fullwell came through a qualifier.

The up-and-coming darts edged past Gaz Cousins 6-4 before seeing off Scotsman John Henderson 6-0.

Welborn aiming for international win

by Craig Birch

BOXING returns to Wolverhampton Civic Hall next month with Midlands champion Jason Welborn set to face an international class opponent.

Rowley Regis' Welborn, the area welterweight title holder, will tackle a yet-to-be-confirmed foreign foe over 10 rounds on Friday, September 28 after two defences of his belt.

Successive fifth-round stoppages at the Civic have made the 26-year-old a feared puncher and he will again look to demonstrate his power on fight night.

Jason Flinn was put away after

being floored twice by body shots in his first title defence in March, with Scott Haywood later halted in the same round.

Haywood had his jaw broken from a right hook in June and failed to come out for the sixth round as Welborn moved to 10 wins from 11, with one loss.

Both of his challengers had boxed at English title level and Welborn is gradually making the step up to the national stage, having accepted his next test.

In chief support, Telford's Kieron Gray will be hoping to make it third time lucky after

landing a second shot at the British Masters middleweight title.

But the 34-year-old faces a tough test against Sheffield's Jez Wilson, the Central area champion with nine wins on his record, five inside the distance.

Gray first contested the Midlands title against Coseley's Jamie Ball in December 2010 and got a draw, having scored a knockdown in the last round.

After a 14-month retirement, 'Slammer' returned to the ring

and got his first shot at the Masters belt in April, away from home against Warren Tansey.

Tansey was decked in the fourth round but recovered to win on points in his hometown of Manchester, in a hotly-disputed 97-94 points call.

Confirmed for the undercard of the Civic bill is Tipton duo Lee Glover and Ricky Summers, along with Cannock's popular ticket-seller Dave Egan.

'Tipton Slasher' Glover has been out of the ring for 10 months, since competing in the last feather-weight Prizefighter. Summers, a

senior ABA national semi-finalist with Lions ABC in Dudley, turned pro with a polished performance against Jody Meikle in June.

Egan, the ex-Chasetown footballer, will move onto the Civic bill after boxing at the HMV Institute – formerly Digbeth Civic Hall – on September 8.

The 29-year-old welterweight brings a solid fan base with him, having sold the best part of 200 tickets for each of his two pro victories so far.

For more information and tickets to the Civic show, call the box office on 0870 320 7000.

Ten-man Tivi win thanks to the Kyles

Kirby Muxloe 0 Tivdale 3

TIVIDALE opened the season with a fine performance and three goals without reply at Kirby Muxloe, despite being reduced to ten men for most of the second half.

It was an excellent start for manager Dean Whitehouse's new-look team that only contained four regulars from last season.

The game's first opening fell to the debutant Brady, who put a difficult chance over the bar from 15 yards in the seventh minute.

Ten minutes later Kyle Hill's ferocious blast from just inside the penalty area clattered against the crossbar.

In the 21st minute, the returning Brett Clark scored with a shot that flew past goalkeeper Tom Holyoak.

Early in the second half Tivdale were reduced to ten men early in the second half when newcomer Avun Jephcott was sent off for something he said.

But Kyle Hill increased their lead in the 71st minute from an acute angle and seven minutes later the victory was complete when Tyrone Falsoner put in a superb cross met by Kyle Brady with a header.

Himley are thwarted by the rain

HIMLEY'S Birmingham League Premier Division title hopes were checked by the weather.

The Stourbridge Road outfit were chasing victory over leaders Walsall when rain brought a frustrating end to their top of the table clash.

Opener Greg Wright carried his bat for an unbeaten 86 as Himley posted 172-7 from their 50 overs in the face of some impressive bowling from the Walsall attack.

Himley seamers Nick Harrison and Stuart Wedge then made early inroads into the Walsall batting as they bagged two wickets each to reduce the visitors to 64-4.

But the rain then swept in and the clash was abandoned 21.2 overs into Walsall's reply.

Both sides bagged eight points with second-placed Himley still 30 points adrift of Walsall.

Robins off to a flyer as they hit goal trail

Wellington 3 Dudley Town 6

DUDLEY TOWN hit six of the best as they kicked off their West Midlands League campaign with a superb win at Wellington.

The Robins ended last season with a 6-2 win at Bromyard Town and were flying high again after netting another six goals on their travels.

Joint managers Andy Burgess and Andy Wyton handed debuts to summer signings Tom Harper and Karl Gardner while Anthony Cox and John Watkins started their second spells with the club.

The Robins started brightly and nosed in front after eight minutes when Danny Ludlow drove home from the penalty spot after Josh James had handled the ball in the area.

Wellington looked dangerous on the break and were soon back on level terms. A short free-kick from Nick Panniers found its way to Ben Fischer who slid the ball past Harper.

But Dudley were back in front on 26 minutes, Ludlow prodding home from close range.

The Robins extended their lead 11 minutes later when Dreniz Bala calmly chipped keeper Craig Hill.

Rion Francis-Mills should have put the game to bed right on half-time but curled his shot wide of the post with an open goal at his mercy.

The miss before was rectified with Town's first attack of the second half. A superb cross from captain Ludlow was headed home by last

Dudley Town

season's top scorer Bala.

Wellington pulled a goal back on 66 minutes when Fischer stole in on the right to plant a firm shot into the bottom corner.

The visitors grabbed their fifth in bizarre circumstances on 72 minutes.

Attempting a clearance under pressure from Niki Faux and substitute Grant Joshua, defender Tom Horsefield looped the ball over Hill and into the net.

Wellington responded again with Nick Panniers smashing home a penalty after Harper had fouled the lively Saul Thomas.

Any hopes of a comeback were ended when Dudley wrapped up the win with two minutes to spare. A fine cross from Cox found Joshua who capped his debut with a header that left Hill without a chance.

Wellington: Hill, Burley, Horsefield, James, Watkins (Lewis), Archer-Piane (Wood), Brotherhood, Panniers, Thomas, Morgan (Winter), Fischer.

Subs not used: Williams, George, Dudley Town: Harper, Langford, Watkins, Smith, Whitley, Gardner (Perry), Cox, McGilligan, Bala (Joshua), Francis-Mills (Faux), Ludlow.

Subs not used: Weston, Store. Referee: James Whittington (Worcester)

Worcestershire youngsters are a hit at Festival



The successful Worcestershire Under-14 side show the spoils of their success after victory in Taunton

WORCESTERSHIRE UNDER-14s are celebrating after winning the national title at this year's Taunton Festival.

The talented youngsters, won the under-13 competition last summer, took a creditable draw against Yorkshire in their first outing. Malvern College's Zen Malik took 3-56 and Ombersley's Josh Dell 57.

Worcestershire's fortunes improved as they restricted Derbyshire to 209 with Ombersley's Josh Tongue taking 4-41. In reply, Worcestershire eased home with seven overs to spare

thanks to an unbeaten 70 from Malik. Further victories followed against Dorset with captain Nick Hammond (Ombersley) scoring a superb 143 not out. Then Josh Dell hit 106 out of 231-5 before Devon made 157-8.

The competition reached its climax on the final day of the Festival as Worcestershire were still two points behind leaders Yorkshire.

Worcestershire achieved extra bowling points by bowling out Gloucestershire for 112 with Malik and Dell taking three wickets each. The

Pears finished worthy winners, led by Henry Moberley and Harry Adair, who both scored 36.

With Yorkshire held to a draw by Derbyshire, Worcestershire, under the guidance of manager Jon Roe and coach Nathan Round, won the title by three points.

Roe said: "The five-day tournament was very hard. They competed as a team and all played a part. They represented the county of Worcestershire well and all played to the very highest standard. They are simply the best!"



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Rochester side give Gornal a roasting

Rochester 5 Gornal Athletic 1
GORNAL Athletic got their Baker Joiner Midland Alliance season off to a disappointing start at Rochester on Saturday by slumping to a 5-1 defeat.

Gornal won the West Midlands League in style last season but the game swung the home side's way and in the 15th minute Jack Langston slotted home.

Within three minutes it was 2-0 when the ball was played inside to Edwin Asante-Ahenkorah, who squared the ball to Craig Smith to score. Just before half time the home side made it 3-0 when Nick Ward stooped to head Carl Allen's corner into the net.

Gornal enjoyed much more possession after the break but Rochester scored a fourth goal on 77 minutes when Ward's pass split the defence, leaving Asante-Ahenkorah to pick his spot.

Gornal reduced the deficit three minutes from time when substitute Ravi Sangha picked up the ball on the right of the area from a Calum Martin pass before smashing it past Froggatt.

Rochester added a fifth goal at the end through Asante-Ahenkorah.

Himley hosts floodlit T20 for third time

THE spotlight will be on Himley Cricket Club later this month when they host Black Country Floodlit T20.

The club are staging the tournament at their Stourbridge Road base for the third year running between August 20 and 24.

Himley take on fellow Birmingham League clubs Stourbridge and Brewwood and the winners of last year's Brander Trophy winners, Wolverhampton.

The four clubs face each other over three nights with the top two meeting in the Friday night final. The action starts at 5.30pm.

Thursday evening sees a Staffs Clubs representative side take on the Worcestershire League at 6.30pm.

Entry for spectators is free all week with refreshments available.

Organiser Greg Wright said: "We're really excited to welcome two new clubs and two league sides to this year's floodlit week. It keeps the buzz going, entertainment fresh and enables us to continue broadening the view of local club cricket."

Heathens need to stay on right track

Dudley Heathens

the way and make a success of their career.
"Our team still has everything to prove. These boys have to continue to show the right attitude and desire to go as far as they possibly can in this wonderful sport."

"When I was young I made personal sacrifices to ride. My relatives one day had a very special occasion which I was expected to attend, but I didn't because I had to clean my bikes for a meeting the next day. It didn't go down well but they understood."

"I travelled thousands of miles to reach my goal. I went out of my way to race Speed-

way and was grateful for every opportunity.
"Even today, the Danish youngsters have achieved fantastic success without it being handed on a plate. They've had to make sacrifices and work hard for their achievement."

Meanwhile, Heathens star Tom Perry is in line for a place in next Friday's World Under-21 Final as one of the wildcards.

The meeting, which takes place at Coventry, includes reigning champion Maciej Janowski and Danish World Cup heroes Mikkel B Jensen and Michael Jepsen Jensen.

And in an ironic twist the meeting comes

in a month when Perry has been relegated to reserve in the Heathens side because he hasn't done enough league meetings to get a 2012 average!

He said: "I will be going down to reserve for a month just because I haven't got my new average yet and the rest of the boys have."

"There is nothing I can do about that, I have just missed a few meetings. I am looking forward to the prospect of maybe getting a few more rides."

Heathens are back at Monmore Green on Tuesday, August 21, with the visit of title rivals Mildenhall.

League in shock after the death of cricketer

THIS week's Worcestershire County Cricket League round-up is overshadowed by the shock death of Pedmore's Richard Beaumont.

After claiming a five-wicket haul, Beaumont, aged 33, suffered a heart attack on the boundary's edge during the clash with Astwood Bank and died enroute to hospital.

The game was abandoned. The cricket action saw Pershore knocked off top spot in Division One despite a winning draw at in-form Worcester.

Nomads recorded the day's largest victory with a 215-run success at Bromyard to move four points clear of Pershore, who have a 30-point lead over the rest.

They are led by Oldswinford, who scraped a seven-run win at home to Colwall.

Hagley had the better of a draw at Redditch that has planted the hosts bottom, one point behind Colwall and six behind Hagley and Coombs Wood.

Belbroughton are up to third in Division Two after defeating mid-table Stourport.

The shock result of the day came at fourth-placed Bewdley where the home side lost by one run to Rushwick.

Alvechurch and Enville fought out a draw with the scores level after 40 overs each and in the final game, Wormelow won the relegation tussle with Romsley thanks to 96 not out from Tom Bevan.

In Division Three, leaders Cookley had a tight eight-run win at Birlingham.

Alveley are now fifth after defeating bottom side Kidderminster and in the other games, Chaddesley recorded only their second win of the season, beating Stourbridge Social.

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PARSONAGE BACKS BRITS FOR SUCCESS

DUDLEY Olympian Alex Parsonage has savoured his Games experience and insists Team GB can close the gap on the world's best water polo sides.

Parsonage and his team-mates exited London 2012 without a reward for their efforts with Monday night's 13-4 defeat to Montenegro meaning they lost all five matches.

But the 22-year-old had a moment to savour when he found the net with a cool lob in Saturday's 17-6 reverse against defending champions Hungary – a goal he dedicated to his parents Steve and Cassy.

They were in the 5,000 crowd watching and Parsonage thanked them for their support.

"It's always nice and that one is for my mum and dad," he said.

"It's great to get an Olympic goal."

"I was happy with it as well – their goalkeeper said it was a nice lob too. If it's there I'll try it and luckily it went in."

Inspire

"Normally I get a few goals but at this level, against the best countries and the top goalkeepers, it's hard."

Parsonage's strike wasn't able to inspire Team GB to a shock result but the trained electrician believes their debut Olympic campaign has proved the Brits can compete with the world's best.

He said: "They are class. It's a shame to have to play against those sort of teams."

"They know what they're doing, they're experienced and have been here before. What can you do?"

"They are professionals,

by Nick Mashiter

it's their job and for us guys it's a massive drive to play against them. Anything we can take from the game we will."

"They are a tough team but we had a bit of a poor start again. After that we showed the spirit again to come back."

"We showed we can put them on the edge of it as well. We showed we can threaten the world champions."

"Hungary are in a league of their own and they don't win gold medals for nothing. Their class showed at the end and it's a pleasure playing against a team like that."

Parsonage insists a youthful Team GB outfit will have learned a lot from the experience and that it will stand them in good stead for the future.

"If you look at the average age of their team (Hungary) they are around late twenties or early thirties," he said.

"Ours is early twenties. It's always hard to get to the level they're at because they've been doing it since they were babies."

"With four years of hard work we can see what happens."



Mixing with the big-wigs – Dudley water polo ace Alex Parsonage, centre, and his Team GB team-mate Sean King chat to former Prime Minister Tony Blair as he takes a tour around the Olympic Village in London

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